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BRITISH RAIL STRIKE CALLED OFF

Union Leaders' Decision After Tense Meeting

GOVERNMENT GIVES PROMISES

London, Jan. 6.

Railway union leaders decided tonight after a tense three-hour meeting with the Government to call off a national railway strike, planned to take place from midnight on Sunday.

After a day of negotiation with the Government and the British Transport Commission, which operates the state-owned railways, the executive of the National Union of Railwaymen said they had been given promises during the discussions and added: "We are of the opinion that the assurances created a satisfactory basis for immediate negotiation and speedy settlement."

"In the circumstances we recommend that the strike notices be suspended," the statement added.

The Union statement tonight said that at this round-table meeting the Transport Commission had pledged that wage rates for Britain's 400,000 railmen would be adjusted "in the light of past events."

The railmen are claiming increases of between eight shillings and ten shillings a week. This would cost the Railways — already run at a big loss—£8,000,000 a year.

The Union statement was made after a round-table meeting at the close of the second day of peace-making efforts by Sir Walter Monckton, Minister of Labour.

ONE LAST EFFORT

Sir Walter Monckton called this crucial meeting early today after a 25-minute meeting with the N.U.R. chiefs—his third within 24 hours.

The Union leaders agreed to meet the Commission for one last effort to settle their claim for wage rises.

Tonight's meeting climaxed a day in which the rail strike threat was discussed by Sir Winston Churchill's cabinet for the second time within 72 hours and in which the Commission chiefs had a secret meeting with Mr. John Boyd-Carpenter, Minister of Transport.

A PROMISE FIRST

The Commission entered today's joint meeting willing to negotiate afresh on the wages claim, provided the strike threat was lifted.

The Union chiefs' attitude was that they were determined not to call off the strike unless they had some prior promise from the Commission that their claim would be substantially met.—Reuter.

New Phase Begins

Army To Pursue Mau Mau Men Into The Forests

Nairobi, Kenya, Jan. 6.

A major military campaign against Mau Mau terrorists in this Colony's forests was disclosed today.

Major-General Heyman said at a Press conference that the operation will be of division strength, with four battalions of British troops taking part.

The date, time and place for the beginning of the campaign were kept secret.

A SWITCH

Major-General Heyman said the operation was not planned as one to end all operations, but was a switch in Army efforts from the reserves and settled areas to the forests. He added that improved efficiency of Police and Home Guards had made them fully capable of keeping order in the former.

This was especially so in the Kikuyu Reserve, the Rift Valley, and to a lesser extent at Nanyuki, he said.

The General said that the operation's aims were to kill terrorists, and to teach marauders that the forests are no longer a safe refuge.

"If that can be done there is no future for them," he said.

HONGKONG'S WEATHER

A Chilly Week-end Likely

Keep those extra blankets, hot-water bottles and woollen underwear handy—the cold snap is not over yet, despite today's warm sunshine.

According to the Weatherman, there is no change in the "situation." The intense Siberian anti-cyclone spreading across South China continues, and in all probability, Hongkong will have a chilly week-end.

The minimum temperature last night was 44.7 degrees Fahrenheit—a rise of 3.7 degrees in comparison with the minimum of 41 degrees on Thursday morning.

Those Bangs Last Night . . .

Those loud bangs heard all over the Colony last night were caused by R.N. ships—*and the weather!*

The gunfire in fact came from the Port Shelter range where H.M. Ships were carrying out normal routine advertised firing practice. Usually this is inaudible.

The reason the firing sounded so near last night was explained by the Director of the Royal Observatory this morning. He said during cold clear weather—and particularly during the stillness of the night—sound can be heard at a much greater distance than it can in sunny or warmer weather.

The firing occurred between 7 and 9 o'clock and sounded so close to the heart of the Colony that many residents telephoned Radio Hongkong and newspaper offices to ask what was happening.

BRITAIN & EUROPE HAIL IKE'S SPEECH

London, Jan. 6.

President Eisenhower's acceptance of an atomic "world stalemate" was welcomed in diplomatic quarters tonight as reflecting Sir Winston Churchill's own assessment of the stage reached in the cold war.

The President's aim—set up in his "State of the Union" speech today—of honourably negotiating an "enduring peace" is precisely Britain's own interpretation of the objectives of peaceful coexistence with the Communists.

It is regarded here as a definite repudiation of the "liberation" policies urged on the Republican Administration by extremist elements in Washington.

THE CONTRAST

The contrast between today's message and the American policy aims enunciated by Administration leaders only two years ago stems not only from the increase in Soviet atomic resources, but from the moderating influence exercised by the President personally, it is held.

The fact that he has lately been able to assert his own views more forcefully is largely ascribed here to the Democrats' resumption of control on Capitol Hill.

The President's warning against complete dependence on nuclear weapons to hold the peace is expected to appeal to those nations who fear that the prospects of localising any conflict would virtually disappear with the eclipse of armies and weapons on the model of World War II.

IN PARIS: The policy declaration made by President Eisenhower today was generally well received in France. Although it was not considered very stimulating, it was felt at least to be unprovocative on the international plane.

AT THE HAGUE: — Dutch circles tonight welcomed President Eisenhower's message to Congress with its promise of "wise reduction" of trade barriers.

Soviet Overtures To Yugoslavia

COMMENT OF THE DAY

THE motive behind the Soviet bloc's overtures to Yugoslavia over the past few months still remains obscure. It is possible that Moscow is endeavouring to win over some of the Yugoslav leaders as she did once before, but on the other hand it is more likely that the Russians are looking for a buffer state in Southern Europe similar to Germany in Central Europe and Finland in the north. Yugoslavia and the Soviets are now committed to a policy of normalising relations and the abandonment of open hostility towards each other, but there is a great deal to be done before the suspicious Yugoslavs will accept the promises and high-sounding phrases of the Cominform countries. It is also highly improbable that the Yugoslavs will wish to accept once again the position of a Cominform satellite. In fact they have stated categorically that they only wish to establish and maintain cultural and trade relations with other countries—Marshal Tito's visits abroad, like his current tour of India and Burma, are achieving these ends.

HOWEVER, it is interesting to note that since the death of Stalin, Russia and her satellites have re-established full diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia, stopped the propaganda war and suppressed the anti-Tito journals; hundreds of Yugoslav citizens who were detained in the Cominform countries in 1948 are being repatriated to their native land and communications are improving. Trade has been resumed, although not on a large scale as yet, and equanimity prevails in the East European Danube Commission. Whether the Soviet bloc will go to the extent of renewing the various treaties of friendship and assistance remains to be seen. There is also the question of the payment of reparations by Hungary running into many millions of pounds and the repayment of loans made to Albania before Yugoslavia was expelled from the Cominform; and not least the resettlement of the minorites in the border areas of Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania. These internal problems will have to be settled in due course to satisfy the Yugoslavs, but in the meantime Marshal Tito holds the key to Southern Europe and in consequence will be courted by both East and West.

In Tomorrow's China Mail

Another feature-packed China Mail will be ready for you tomorrow morning with a full ration of the brightest and best reading available anywhere in the world.

From New York — *Evelyn Irons tells you the story of Claire Mann, head of Overweights Anonymous, who has converted 100,000 people to her simple diet methods.*

From London — *Chapman Pincher tells how the Atom can cheapen power and communications and build a new future for Britain.*

From Oxford — *Sarah Rothschild, a girl at large in a men's undergraduate world asks: "Where are those Oxford orgies?"*

From Capetown — *Rene McColl sends another despatch on his new investigation. This one tells of his visit to the shantytown areas.*

In addition, Dennis Barden writes on the "The Russian Encyclopaedia of Misinformation", while Eileen Ascroft recommends something new to replace that horrible custom . . . the cocktail party.

There are also Gilse Jane Roberts on films, new book and record reviews, Beachcomber, Sir Beverley Baxter . . . all in tomorrow's China Mail.

Clouds Of Smoke Billow From Stricken Freighter

These two graphic pictures of the fiercely burning Lexa Maersk (destroyed by fire in Singapore harbour on Christmas night were received from Singapore this morning. The pictures show how the intense heat buckled the ship's side. The fire started in one of the forward holds when part of the ship's cargo caught alight. All passengers and members of the crew were rescued safely.—Straits Times Photographs.

India To Get One U.S. Airliner

(And Probably More Later)

Washington, Jan. 6.

The United States late today approved the export of a super-Constellation passenger plane to India despite the possibility that it may be used on commercial flights from Hongkong into China.

The State Department announced that the Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles personally approved issue of an export licence to Air India International, after the Department's office of munitions control had delayed it for "consideration."

There had been reports that the U.S. was holding up the export licence to bring pressure on India to negotiate a new air transport agreement between the two countries to place the one which India cancelled effective January 14. State Department official denied this.

The Defence Department was then reported to have raised the question of whether it would be in the national interest to allow one of America's most modern airliners to land and be serviced in Communist China.

NO COMMENT

But the State Department Press Officer Mr Henry Suydam declined to answer any questions concerning the holding up of the export licence.

India more than a year ago ordered three of the new super-Constellations for its government-owned airline. State Department officials tonight indicated that export licences for the other two planes, to be delivered in April and May, would be approved when they are ready for shipment.

Mr Suydam told reporters the State Department understood that India wanted to extend its air routes from Hongkong into Communist China. He added that he did not know whether the new planes could be used on the route if it was opened.

But he said there were "no unusual conditions attached to this licence."

British Glove Makers Plan New Drive Against HK Exports

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Jan. 7.

The National Association of Glove Manufacturers whose 200 member firms represent 90 per cent of the British glove-making industry decided at a meeting today to step up their campaign against the "terrific" imports of Hongkong gloves.

"We want more publicity for our problems," the President, Mr Alfred Lowcock said. "And we will try to get more questions asked on the subject in the House of Commons."

He admitted that the Association's past efforts had met with no success. The Government had refused to restrict imports of Hongkong gloves either by quota or duty. Nor would it consider raising the minimum "Commonwealth content" of the Imperial preference regulations.

'WE CAN'T COMPETE'

"Failing Government action to curtail these imports many British glove manufacturers, especially those in the knitted glove section of the industry, will inevitably go out of business," said Mr Lowcock.

According to Mr Lowcock, British cotton fabric was being exported to Hongkong and made up into gloves. These were then shipped back to England where they were sold at only one-third of what it would have cost in Britain to sew the gloves alone.

"British glove manufacturers just cannot compete with these prices," he said.

NOT OPTIMISTIC

The Association will seek support for its campaign from the Federation of British Industries and the National Union of Manufacturers.

But Mr Lowcock is not optimistic about the outcome of this approach. "The balance of trade between Britain and Hongkong is heavily in favour of British manufacturers. Exporters' interests will naturally have a greater weight with the Government than those of importers."

He said that the Association would be up against the same difficulty in enlisting the support of the trade union movement.

Police Search For Missing Beauty Queen

London, Jan. 6.

The London police were investigating today the disappearance of "Miss Greece, 1952", beautiful 21-year-old Lely Vacas, who left her Kensington Rooms on December 17, and has not been seen since.

Miss Vacas, who was studying dramatic art in London with a film career in mind, was last seen getting into a waiting car outside her flat.

On Christmas night, a man telephoned to the flat caretaker to say that she would not be coming back until December 28. As Miss Vacas did not return, the caretaker informed the police, who are conducting an inquiry.—France-Presse.

Madame: 'No Laughing On Our Telephones'

Copenhagen, Jan. 6.

A Danish woman subscriber has been told she can only use her telephone if she does not laugh — because, whenever she does, the line automatically cuts out.

Telephone technicians investigating this phenomenon have evolved an electrical explanation for it. They say that when a person laughs the vocal chords vibrate at a rate of between 100 and 1,000 times a second. This sets up a current which is picked up by the telephone receiver and cuts off the connection.

After the woman's phone had been changed several times, she went to the post office and workshops for trials.

Everything went well until some one cracked a joke and the subscriber let out a great laugh. The line went dead. Now the telephone company insists that the subscriber must not make any unnecessary noise when using the telephone.—Central Press.

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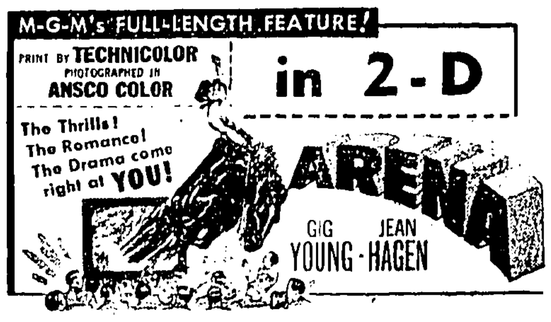

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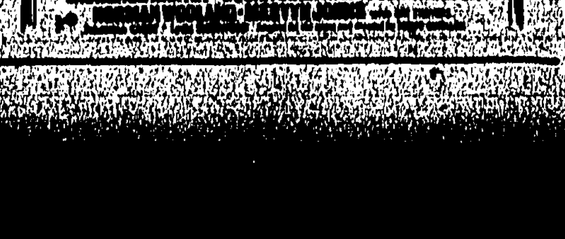


STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE

Both Parties Will Sink Differences

ON DEFENCE AND FOREIGN POLICIES

By Paul Scott Rankine

Washington, Jan. 6.

An exceptionally warm and sincere enthusiasm for bipartisanship characterised the reception by the new Democrat Congress today of Republican President Eisenhower's State of the Union Message.

The most frequently and loudly applauded passages in the message delivered by the President in person were those referring to the necessity of avoiding a paralysing struggle between the two executive and legislative branches of the Government now controlled by opposing parties as a result of the Democratic victory in last November's Congressional election.

In the comments upon the message, it was apparent that the Congressional leaders, whilst giving no ground in domestic legislation, were genuinely prepared to sink party differences in matters of basic foreign and defence policies.

This honeymoon atmosphere in the new Congress is being reviewed by some Press commentators with cynicism in the conviction that party prejudices and affiliations will soon reassert themselves wherever political advantage is to be gained irrespective of the issues at stake.

But there did seem to be prevalent today an enthusiasm for bipartisan co-operation in the foreign and defence fields. This did not prevail in the last divided Government of 1947 when the Democrat President Truman was confronted by a Republican Congress which thought that he had only two more years of office before him.

President Eisenhower himself received an unusually long and enthusiastic ovation from both sides of today's joint session of Congress.

He himself responded gaily with a departure from his text to call for congratulations to the veteran Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr Sam Rayburn, on his birthday.

SIGNIFICANT

The gesture was significant, because Mr Rayburn had referred in very realistic terms yesterday to the facts of bipartisan life.

Mr Rayburn made clear his belief that attacks on the loyalty of Democrats, such as those which had been made in the 1954 election campaign by the Republican Vice-President, Mr Richard Nixon, would endanger bipartisan co-operation.—Reuter.

United Press adds that the leadership of the Democratic 84th Congress pledged that President Eisenhower's 1955 legislative programme "will receive reasonable consideration by reasonable men."

The pledge was voiced by the Senate Democratic leader, Mr Lyndon B. Johnson, after hearing the President's State of the Union message.

It echoed a promise made previously by the Speaker, Mr Sam Rayburn.

MILD ISSUE

Democrats generally complimented the President on his statement of the broad issues confronting the country and the free world. But some of them took mild issue with him on specific subjects.

Republicans for the most part praised the message without stint.

The Senate Republican leader, Mr William F. Knowland, said that the message "outlines a constructive programme of domestic legislation" and pledges the United States "to work for the creation and preservation of a free world of free men."

Mr Knowland, who frequently differs with the Administration on foreign policy, said, "No appeasement or policy of waiting for the dust to settle is contemplated by the message."

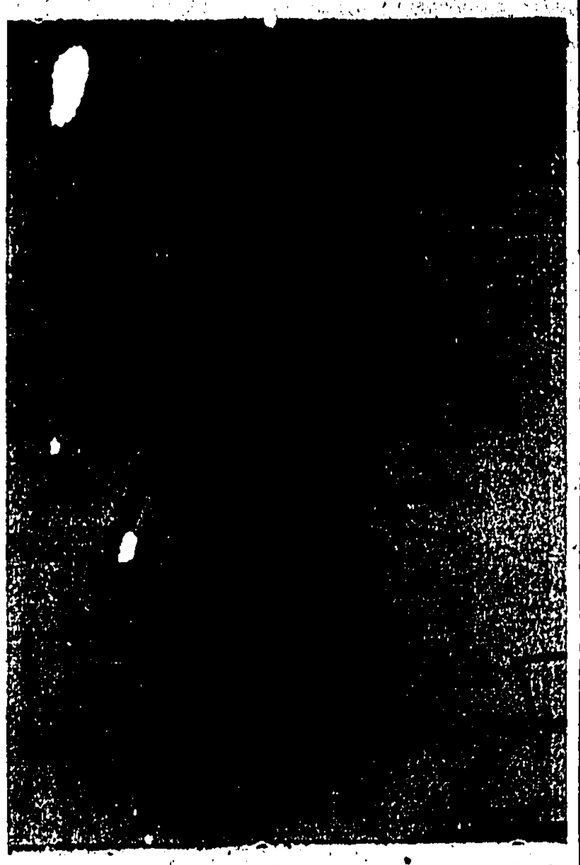
He said it shows United States policy is "peace with honour based on strength...."

Representative John W. McCormack, House Democratic leader, complained that "the message is general and not specific in nature."

"NEW DEALISM"

"It contains nothing new or startling," Mr McCormack said. "On domestic matters most of it might well be termed New Dealism. Bipartisanship is a two-way street.

"We Democrats have clearly shown our co-operation, but the real leadership to carry that out must come from the President."



The Epstein Madonna and Child statue, on the facade of the bridge joining the houses of the Convent School of the Holy Child in London, was illuminated in honour of the Marian Year.—Express Photo.

Britain's Steel Industry Not In Danger

London, Jan. 6.

A spokesman for the British Iron and Steel Federation today denied that the industry's development programme was in danger because of a shortage of raw materials.

The spokesman was commenting on a report from Pittsburgh in which Mr Elliot Janeway, an economist and steel industry adviser, said that Western Europe's booming steel industry faced "an unprecedented crisis" this year because of ever increasing shortages of scrap steel and iron ore.

The immediate victim was Britain, he added, unless she found new and high quality imports of iron ore "in the immediate future."

The Iron and Steel Federation spokesman added: "We are quite satisfied that the future development plan of the industry will not be impeded by raw material shortages.

"We have taken to build up our channels of supply of iron ore to meet the requirements of the development plans of the industry for the next five years.

NEW C. IRIERS

"We have built new ore carriers and developed new ore fields such as those in Conakry, French West Africa and Labrador.

"The blast furnace developments in Britain have been very extensive and the purpose behind those have been to make the industry less dependent on scrap."—Reuter.

Interference Alleged In Yugoslav Case

Belgrade, Jan. 6.

The official Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, tonight accused "certain foreign circles" of directly interfering in Yugoslavia's internal affairs by an anti-Yugoslav campaign over the Djilas—Dedijer case.

The agency, in a comment by its Foreign Editor, disclosed that not only Vladmir Dedijer, but Mitra Mitrovic, divorced wife of Milovan Djilas and leading Serbian Communist, had been summoned before a Communist Party control commission to answer for her attitude towards Djilas.

Madam Mitrovic, a Yugoslav delegate to the United Nations last summer, publicly disassociated herself from Djilas last week.

Djilas, a former Politbureau member and Dedijer, suspended central committee member, are to be tried for spreading hostile propaganda after criticising the régime in interviews with the Western press.

WILL RESIST

Tanjug said the aims of the anti-Yugoslav campaign abroad was to "carry out direct interference in Yugoslavia's internal affairs, an interference which Yugoslavia successfully resisted in the past and which doubtless she will successfully resist in the future."

December had been deliberately chosen for this campaign because President Tito was abroad, Tanjug said. It did not identify the campaign's organisers.

The Dedijer investigation is now on its ninth month, the organisers of the anti-Yugoslav campaign would fail a more favourable time in December, Tanjug added.—Reuter.

Eden Should Visit Japan, Says Paper

Tokyo, Jan. 7.

The English language paper, Japan News, said today (Friday) that Sir Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, "should at all costs make time to visit Tokyo while he is in the Far East for the SEATO conference at Bangkok in February."

This Australian-owned newspaper said: "As heir apparent to Prime Ministership, he should meet personally new Conservative leader of Japan and take the opportunity of making his own observations on the Japanese scene, Japanese problems, Japanese aspirations and shifting Japanese policies."—China Mail Special.

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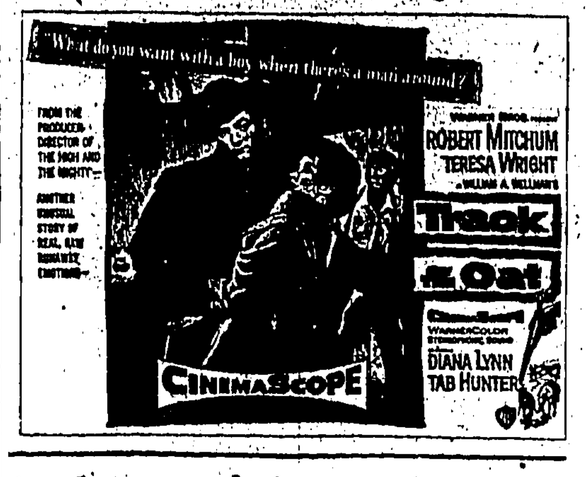

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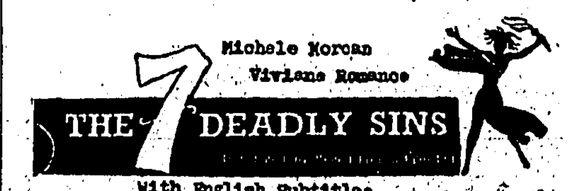

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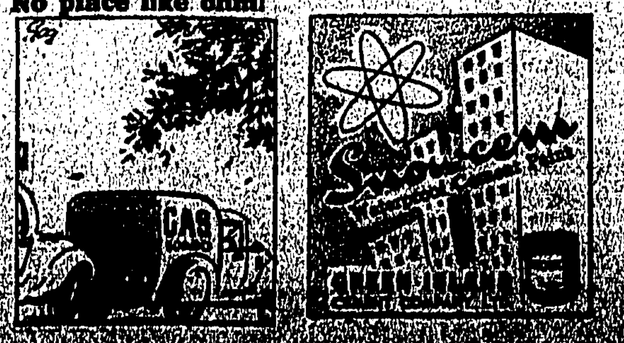


WAR IN SOUTH MOLUCCAS

Fighting For Existence, Says Spokesman

The Hague, Jan. 6.

A "forgotten war" is raging on the Molucca islands where 10,000 troops are fighting against Indonesia for the independence of their country, Dr J. P. Nikijnluw, who calls himself plenipotentiary representative of the South Moluccan Republic in Holland, said today.

At a Press conference here today, he recalled that the "Republic" declared itself independent in 1950, but has not been recognised by any country. He added that it was waging a war against Indonesia without outside help and with arms taken from the enemy.

He expressed the regrets that the Molucca question had not been taken up by the United Nations and appealed to the free world to take an interest in the battle which his country was fighting for its freedom.

The representative said that the rebel leaders of the "Republic" controlled 4,000 well-trained and armed veterans of the former Dutch East Indies Army as well as about 6,000 volunteers.

INDONESIAN DENIAL

But an Indonesian High Commissariat spokesman denied that there was a revolt among the people of the Moluccan islands where Indonesia has declared martial law.

He agreed that the rebels on the islands of Ceram and Ambon, where there have been reports of heavy fighting, were "remnants" of the old Dutch East Indies Army.

The "Republic" representative told the conference that the South Moluccas were everywhere "aflame with resistance against Indonesian aggression." He claimed that the declaration of martial law was proof of this and that it would bring "terror, prisons, concentration camps and firing squads."

The Declaration meant "lawlessness, armoured cars, bombers and artillery" which the people of South Moluccas would have to face with only "light arms, courage and patriotism," he said.

The Commissariat spokesman, however, flatly denied that a "war" was going on in the islands but admitted "there is trouble in some areas—there is always trouble."

MOPPING UP

He said that the Indonesian administration controlled the islands claimed by the rebels except for the dense jungle interior of Ceram and rebel "infiltrations" on Ambon.

A report from the Indonesian news agency quoted officials in the Indonesian capital of Djakarta as saying that the martial law order was designed to permit "more efficient mopping up operations against rebel gangs."—France-Presse & Reuter.

Vladimir Dedijer, friend and biographer of President Tito, has been accused of betraying Yugoslavia and the Communist Party. He vanished a few hours after being ordered by Parliament to stand trial on criminal charges. He is the second high ranking official to fall from favour in Yugoslavia. Last January Milovan Djilas, former Vice President, was dismissed from his post for deviation from the Party Line. Dedijer has been out of favour ever since he supported Djilas.—Express Photo.

Wine Industry Strikes Back

Nimes, S. France, Jan. 6.

The wine industry of this area struck back today at the new free milk distribution ration for invalids and for elderly persons in old folks' homes.

Wine in France is often referred to as "grown-up's milk."

The Wine Producers Associations announced that they would ask the Government to take this "parallel measure" in a step to safeguard their interests.

In addition to doling out wine to the aged and the sick, the wine producers suggested increasing the French soldiers' wine ration, which is now about a pint a day.

There were some suggestions here that if the Government turned these measures down, local schools should suspend milk distribution.—France-Presse.

LAUGHTER IN THE KREMLIN

Moscow, Jan. 6.

The Kremlin echoed today to the laughter of six British children as they romped and chased each other through ancient apartments in the traditional home of Russian rulers.

Together with 22 other children of foreign diplomats, the British boys and girls danced round a 40-foot fir tree in the stately Georgevski Hall when they joined a party of Russian children at a New Year's party.

Standing around the lavishly decorated, gaily-lit tree, they all gazed in awe at the silver cloak and red cap of Grandfather Frost (the Soviet Father Christmas) as he strode through the vast hall wishing them a happy New Year.

He was followed by the Snow Maiden, a silver clad girl.

The children—whose homelands circle the globe — were also entertained by a display of Ukrainian dancing, a puppet show and a mock football match.

Each was given a packet of sweets and fruit.—China Mail Special.

Tito Declines Further Invitations

Belgrade, Jan. 6.

President Tito has declined invitations to visit Indonesia and Thailand, the official news agency, Tanjug, said tonight in a report from Rangoon.

Since President Tito's current visit to India and Burma, was planned some time ago and since his programme had been exactly mapped out till his return home, he was unable to accept these invitations despite his desire to become more fully acquainted with political conditions in Asia.

Tanjug added that for the same reason President Tito had been unable to accede to an Egyptian invitation to spend a certain time in Cairo.

He would, however, meet the Egyptian Premier, Colonel Abdul Nasser, probably while passing through the Suez Canal on his return to Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

W. Germany Repealing Nazi Law

Bonn, Jan. 6.

The West German Government today submitted to the Bundesrat, the Upper House of Parliament, a Bill, repealing a Nazi law of 1938, which conferred German citizenship on all Austrians.

The Austrian Parliament has already repealed the law but Austrians, living in Germany, estimated at a few thousand, are to this day legally Germans. This was recently confirmed by a court in Berlin.

The Bill, if passed by both German Houses, would allow Austrians in Germany to drop German citizenship within three months after the Bill came into force.—Reuter.

Mr France Starts Another Assembly Storm

Paris, Jan. 6.

French Premier Pierre Mendes-France has again touched off a storm of controversy in the National Assembly — this time by proposing to change the system of voting.

He favours what is called the "vote by district" as against the present system of proportional representation by Departments.

The Premier and those who think like him feel the change would bring the Assembly members and the electors close together, and would permit much better defined majorities in Parliament.

Politicians like Georges Bidault, the former Foreign Minister who oppose it, feel that the bigger area of the "Department vote" requires men and women to vote for programmes and ideas as against the personality of the candidate.

M. Mendes-France is suspected by his opponents of hoping, through a change in the voting system, to exploit his personal popularity in the country and in the case of a general election to regroup a powerful and articulate majority in support of his political goals.

There is a definite current in the National Assembly favourable to the electoral reform. That much is certain, and it cuts across Party lines except in the case of the Popular Republican Party and the Communists. That much is also certain.—France-Presse.

SHE ESCAPED GAS CHAMBER TWICE

Paris, Jan. 6.

A young stray bitch which went through a dramatic experience of being practically killed to be resuscitated later has, at last, found a home in Paris.

Madame Dubois, hearing her sad story, finally adopted her. What she had been through was a "hibernation" experiment. Having lost her master, she was picked up by dog-catchers and, as nobody claimed her, was facing a gas chamber when a call came from a hospital which needed a dog.

She was to be submitted to a test operation consisting of opening the heart to cure the lesions inside. Before the operation her temperature was artificially brought down from ninety to eighty.

EXAMINATION

Put to sleep, her heart was then opened and after the big blood vessels leading to the heart had been clamped shut, the heart was examined at length by surgeons. Then she was sewn up and the blood ran again.

The operation had proved successful. The bitch woke up only a day later. She was given water to drink and ate again. When awakening she tried to get up but her legs were too weak.

Three days later, she was eating and running again normally. Three weeks later, she was the star of a film shown to the medical academy. The hospital had no more use for her and she was facing the gas chamber again when Madame Dubois heard her story.

Deeply moved, she adopted the bitch which joined her happy family already consisting of two dogs, two cats, one mouse and one hen, "Rosalie" which loves to sleep late in the morning.

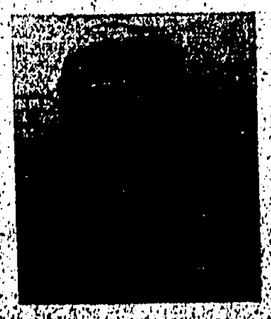
Sandwiched in the smallest corner of the bitch wants to say "Merci" to the people who saved her life.—France-Presse.

JAP ENVOY TO BRITAIN RETIRING

London, Jan. 6.

The heads of diplomatic missions in London gathered here tonight to say farewell to Mr Shunichi Matsumoto, the retiring Japanese Ambassador.

The Marquis of Reading, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, and Mr Kenneth Younger, Minister in the former Labour Government, attended the reception at the Japanese Ambassador's residence.



MR. MATSUMOTO

Mr Matsumoto is expected to leave shortly after the Queen's birthday (February 6) for Japan.—Reuter.

Rubber Smuggling On Large Scale From Indonesia

Singapore, Jan. 6.

Large quantities of Indonesian rubber have reached Singapore in recent weeks despite the Indonesian Government's export restrictions, a reliable source said today.

He said that the steady rise in the price of rubber since last month has increased smuggling between Indonesia and Singapore.

Singapore Government officials refused to discuss the term "smuggling", but one official source said, "If the Indonesians are totally successful in enforcing their export ban, the amount of rubber that is flowing into Singapore is extraordinary."

The steady flow of Indonesian rubber into Singapore has averted the possibility of serious unemployment in the rubber milling industry here. One or two factories which shut down in October and November last year are planning to re-open. In November, about 1,000 rubber workers were unemployed, but only 15 are now registered with the employment exchange.

LONG-TERM THREAT

The source said that the present recovery, however, does not remove the long-term threat posed by Indonesia's attitude (towards Singapore).

A Singapore Government spokesman said, "Unless some agreement is reached under which Singapore can compete freely for the purchase of Indonesian rubber the milling industry here cannot fail to suffer in the long run."

He confirmed that a request had been received from the Singapore Rubber Milling and Manufacturing Workers' Union for the Singapore Government to negotiate an agreement on the highest level with the Indonesians.

The Director of Commerce and Industry, Mr J. B. Clegg, meanwhile, said that trade prospects for Singapore are brighter as the result of big changes in the price of rubber. He said he felt strongly that the average price of rubber would stay higher than last year.

The Director said that the increased price of rubber would also help Indonesia and he believed it likely that there would be increased trade between the two countries.

"Singapore and Indonesia must trade," Mr Clegg said, adding, "It is inevitable."

WATCHING POSITION

He said that the Singapore Government was watching the position, hoping for an opportunity to re-open negotiations with Indonesia.

"But," he added, "there is no point in opening talks unless we can be reasonably sure that they will be fruitful."—United Press.

NICKEL SMUGGLING IN GERMANY

Berlin, Jan. 7.

A chink has shown in East Germany's nickel-plated armour. The German Reds need strategic metals badly — so badly, they've had to resort to high-powered smuggling.

Which is exactly what Berlin police have caught them at—and so crushed a smuggling racket that has been netting them thousands of tons of valuable metals in past months.

Police pounced on four men in "Operation Nickel — Top Secret", a combined police and customs probe which followed a tip-off that large loads of nickel were being delivered across the border twice a week.

CENTRAL DEPOT

It was going to a Russian-German operated central depot called Meletex, the name of the agency which handles metal allocations to East factories.

Berlin detectives, acting on the tip, went into action and traced deliveries of three million marks worth (about £250,000) of nickel.

But they are sure the actual total is much higher—and not confined to nickel.

Among those arrested for smuggling was a young girl who lived in the British sector of Berlin. Twice a week she flew to West Germany carrying 150,000 marks (£13,000) in the false bottom of her suitcase.

She was a link in an almost fool-proof underground set-up between East and West.

This is how it worked:

From a firm in Gelsenkirchen a lorry loaded with nickel started out. It was supposed to deliver to fifteen factories in the Ruhr. On an autobahn nearby the load was transferred to an East Berlin lorry and over the top was put a covering of coal.

At the customs checkpoint at Helmstedt on the West-East German border, papers were produced to show coal deliveries to East Berlin. Ten miles from Berlin the lorry was diverted, unloaded, then reloaded—this time with the same weight in coal.

A suspicious customs officer who flew to Gelsenkirchen was mainly responsible for unmasking the plot. The Gelsenkirchen firm's books seemed in order and showed an exact record of every ounce of nickel sold to fifteen firms. There were receipts, delivery notes and weigh-checks.

COVERING UP

But he investigated the "firms" and decided they were just covering up the real plot. The smugglers had notepaper printed, rubber stamps made, and even opened token bank accounts for the firms.

Nickel is fetching around £480 a ton on the London market, but the Reds pay much higher prices.

West Germany voluntarily agreed to join other European countries in banning exports of strategic metals to Iron Curtain countries. Yet since then the Bonn Government have been winking at the deliberate evasion of the agreements, some British officials believe.

The most important case of this kind was discovered only a few days ago when [illegible]

Mrs Morrison Did Not Promise To Obey

Rochdale England, Jan. 6.

Mr Herbert Morrison, 67-year-old second in command of the British Labour Party, was married here today to a local business woman, 47-year-old Miss Edith Meadowcroft, in what British newspapers have called "the wedding of the year."

In the 25-minute ceremony in the 13th century church of St Chad, Miss Meadowcroft did not promise to "obey" her husband. The word was omitted from the part of the marriage service in which a bride promises to "love, honour and obey".

HERBERT MORRISON

There were so many newsreel and television arc lights in the little church a few yards from Miss Meadowcroft's home that all lights fused because of the burden on the cable.

IN DARKNESS

"Is there an electrician in the house?" someone shouted as about 1,000 people sat in the church in complete darkness.

Ninety guests, among them several Labour Members of Parliament, drank champagne toasts to the bride and groom at the reception in the Town Hall.

There the bride, in a navy blue suit, helped her husband cut the three-tiered wedding cake. One tier has been set aside for Mr Morrison's Parliamentary constituency in South-east London.

A congratulatory message from the Conservative Party in the constituency read: "May all your troubles be little Conservatives."

Mr Morrison's first wife, to whom he had been married for 34 years, died in July, 1953.—Reuter.

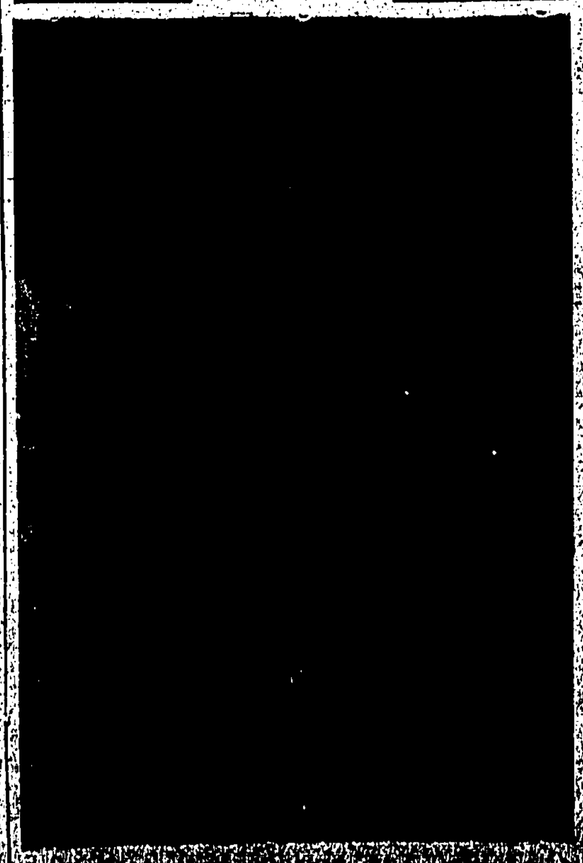
OLD WOMAN STRANGLED

Bari, Italy, Jan. 6.

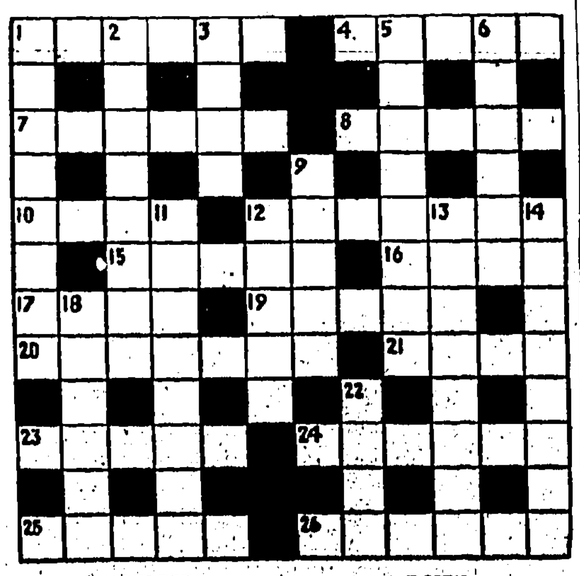
A 65-year-old woman, Rosalba Ottolino, was strangled in her home here tonight while her bed-ridden husband lay helpless listening to her cries from an adjoining room.

The murderer, believed by the police to be a burglar, escaped.—China Mail Special.

First Lady Of Turkey Attends "Mevlevi" Ceremonies



A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Metal (6).
4 Fragment (5).
7 Slacken (6).
8 Daub (5).
10 Intelligence (4).
12 Awakens (7).
15 Proportion (5).
16 Try out (4).
17 Assist (4).
19 Reigned (5).
20 Diminished (7).
21 Symbol (4).
23 Composition (5).
24 Picture-house (6).
25 Willow (5).
26 Refined hard (6).

DOWN

1 Almanac (8).
2 Obtained (8).
3 Looked at (4).
5 Calculates (8).
6 Humbles (6).
9 Haughty (5).
11 Soak (8).
12 Ventilated (5).
13 Slit (8).
14 Banner (8).
18 Animals (6).
22 Excellent (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Abridged, 5 Picture, 9 Strident, 11 Despises, 12 Idol, 13 Strum, 15 Siren, 19 Plan, 22 Seedling, 24 Oriental, 25 Severe, 26 Troubles. Down: 1 Spade, 2 Drone, 3 Awful, 4 Bete, 5 Idle, 6 Greedy, 7 Settle, 10 Repair, 14 River, 15 Meddles, 16 Sprout, 17 Casino, 20 Viper, 21 Afire, 23 Rose, 24 Eats.

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A CHAMPION AUTHOR TURNS PLAYWRIGHT

By Dorothy Barkley

London.

SHE has written 350 children's books and still produces about 20 new books a year .... she is read by children round the world regardless of race or creed .... she has been translated into languages like French and Spanish, and into a number you might not expect, like Tamil and Swahili .... sales of one of her best stories have reached almost ten million.

Now Enid Blyton, champion children's author, has turned playwright and has her first play running in a London theatre. It is a play about children, for children and acted mainly by children. She has simply taken half a dozen of her leading characters from her stories and put them together.

The play opened just before Christmas, with advance bookings running a month ahead through the school holidays. It says something for her popularity that she could take one of London's largest theatres and fill it for two shows a day.

Why has this children's author, who can write twenty books a year with no difficulty, turned to playwriting? Simply because she felt that there was a need for a new children's play, and that children would welcome a "straight" story as a change from the usual Christmas pantomime. She was spurred on to writing it when she heard that another author was working on the same idea—and proposing to "use" her characters.

"And I couldn't have someone else writing about my characters, could I?" she says.

Three weeks

She sat down to work on it last July. Three weeks later it was finished. When you show surprise at the speed, she looks you in the eye and says it is the easiest thing in the world. She explains that a writer with a practised imagination can easily write 10,000 words a day — and keep it up day after day.

She has no slick techniques, no short cuts for speed. Before writing, she prepares neither plot nor list of characters. She sits down at her typewriter and types her story out. "I see it all—book or play—on a cinema screen in my mind. The characters come on and sing and dance. All I have to do is type it out." So you see, it is simple—when you know how.

She had decided views on the play's atmosphere. "I wanted something full of light and colour and music and fun," she says. It had to have songs, gay scenery and costumes, a ballet on wires, and clockwork clowns wound up with a large, shiny key. There had to be a toy train which puffed steam and moved across the stage, stopping to take on part of the cast as passengers.

On and off

When the news got round that Enid Blyton had written a play about "Little Noddy" and the rest of Blytonland's population, nearly every child actor in town—and quite a few grown-ups—wanted a part. The numbers were finally whittled down to about 50 children and half a dozen grown-ups.

"Little Noddy"—Bunny May is the name on the programme—is the third generation of his family to take to acting, and has been on and off the stage since the age of four. He's now fourteen.

Costumes were copied faithfully in style and colour. "Children are so meticulous," explains Miss Blyton. "They don't like things changed for no reason."

Her interest in children is not confined to books. She is on the board of a children's home, and when I spoke to her she had just been on a visit there to open a new wing. It was typical of her that the audience at the play's first performance consisted of children from homes all over the country invited to the theatre as her guests.

Wife, mother

At home she is Mrs Kenneth Darrell Waters, wife of a surgeon and mother of two just-grown-up daughters. They live in a country house in Buckinghamshire, and in her spare time—if you can call it that—she relaxes by gardening and playing golf.

She started writing when she was a schoolgirl in Beckenham, where she was born. She treasures to this day a collection of 500 rejection slips. Her first published work was a love poem in Nash's Magazine. For this she received one guinea at the age of sixteen.

Her "Little Noddy" play is just one more landmark in the career of this spellbinder with the curly hair and sparkling eyes. She has more plans. She may write another "Noddy" play; she may write a play for older children. Then there is commercial television. She hopes to have her own Sunday night programme. But just what that will be remains to be seen.

MR SECOND COMES OUT TOP

• Before he thrust his barrel-chest, cleft chin and leonine red head into No. 1 position, Chris Chataway was the champion runner-up in world athletics. His spurt to triumph was one of the most striking achievements by any man in the past year. GEORGE WHITING tells the story.

London.

ANY fool can run second, I was told in my youth by an irate and long-suffering games master. Now I know the other half of the equation, having spent an instructional half-hour with a 23-year-old Chelsea-born brewer called Christopher John Chataway (Sherborne, Magdalen and Guinness's).

For Mr C., before he thrust a barrel-chest, cleft chin, and leonine red head into position No. 1, was the world's champion runner-up — famed in athletics as the character who paced Roger Bannister, pushed John Landy, inspired Freddie Green, chased Emil Zatopek, and chivied Vladimir Kuts. Incidentally, Chataway's Oxford degree in politics, philosophy and economics was also a second.

Something to aim at ... well, Chataway aimed, and shot several bullseyes, culminating in that high-voltage burst that beat Kuts and a world record in the last half-stride of the 5,000 metres against Moscow at the White City two months ago.

True, Chataway's new record lived but a few days. But neither time nor mathematics can tarnish the memory of the breath-holding dash that injected unaccustomed life into a million television screens.

CHATAWAY

An aim

WE talked over tea, biscuits, and cork-tipped cigarettes (his) in a severe-but-comfortable apartment near a cattle-crossing at N.W.10. And I lost no time asking what it used to feel like in the always-the-bridesmaid-but-never-the blushing-bride department.

"A fair question," replied Chataway, impelled by impeccable manners to conceal the fact that a hundred other fools had asked it before.

"Being beaten need not necessarily dishearten you — gives you something to aim at next time. Depends, of course, who beats you. I must admit to some feeling of satisfaction finishing in front of Zatopek in Berne after losing to him in Helsinki, and beating Kuts in London after finishing behind him in Berne."

Diffidently, but withal decisively, Chataway recalled that the first mile of that electric race was "a good deal faster than usual" .... that he felt "quite healthy" ... that Kuts's spurt in the fifth lap was "a little disquieting" ... that lap six was "rather a strain" ... that he thought he would start his finishing burst 200 yards from home, but found he was "in no condition to do anything of the kind" ... and that, finally, he just "struggled along to win in the last 15 yards."

The official distance was two feet, the crowd went crazy, the Russians made Chataway a Master of Sport, First Class, and Roger Bannister — himself no stranger to these excitements—wrote to the newspapers about what he rightly called a world record in courage, determination, and endurance.

In a few space-removing strides Chataway had disposed for all time of the by-no-means deserved reputation of habitually finishing second.

It's a game

CHATAWAY is sportsman of the year because he treats athletics as a game, and not a god; because he runs primarily against flesh and sinew rather than against a stop-watch, and because he is neither big-headed nor falsely modest about his achievements on the cinders of the world.

Why athletics? It appears that Chataway had "a cousin of sorts who ran for Oxford in the 'thirties' — but heredity had nothing to do with his choice. I am certain that this outhandedly resolute young man could have excelled had he been so minded at soccer (just rather) rugby (hooker), cricket (captain of his prep. school team), boxing (if he'd wanted), rowing (no, with a fair degree of comfort"), or lawn tennis ("just week-ends, you know").

Eldest of the four children of a member of the Indian Civil Service, Chataway spent his formative years in the Sudan, at Fowrey's prep school at Swanage, and at Sherborne, the school that fashioned such speedy milers as the late Canon Lutyens, H. B. Stallard and W. R. Milligan, later to become Solicitor-General for Scotland.

In one shoe

LUTYENS set up the school mile record (4min. 44sec.) in 1888. Chataway chipped two seconds off it, and turned in a 4min. 42sec. mile to finish second in the public schools championships—having run practically the whole distance in one shoe!

Thus the seed was sown, to be nurtured with quiet diligence when Chataway turned up for National Service with the Royal Artillery at Oswestry, where his enthusiasm inspired the building of a track and a personal achievement of 4min. 15sec. for the Imperial Services mile.

"It was then I thought I might have some real ability at a sport I found enjoyable, and decided to concentrate," said Chataway.

And when a red-head concentrates, things happen—quickly. At Oxford he progressed from secretary to president of athletics; began the three-musketeering act with Bannister and Chris Brasher that was to give the world its first four-minute mile; blazed a good-will trail to Philadelphia; atomised the inter-University record for the mile at the White City, and, an hour later, dead-heated for the three miles.

In June 1952, Chataway became the first Englishman to run two miles inside nine minutes. A few weeks later he made his unforgettable fifth at Zatopek in the Olympic 5,000 metres. Admittedly a brave but luckless Land-Rover driver, driving a horse, chased Chataway off the track on his right shoulder, ran out of gas, stumbled into a bruised and bleeding heap in brick-dust — but resumed a plucky perpendicular to finish fourth.

"A frightening experience. But my own fault entirely—although I do think people at home expected rather too much of us in those Olympics. Hardly fair, you know. However, I will admit my training was ludicrously amateurish — just the odd half-hour.

"I think I might have done better with a little more tactical experience. Strangely enough, I am glad now I didn't win. Had I done so, I think I should have retired on the spot. Anything else would have been a fearful anti-climax. I'd have missed a lot of fun, too."

Fateful night

AS a direct result of his Helsinki spill, Chataway and Bannister went one night in 1953 to the Duke of York's barracks in King's Road, Chelsea, where an Austrian ex-javelin thrower named Franz Stampfl was telling British athletes how to organise their endeavours on lines calculated to produce something more substantial than jolly-good-loser types.

From that meeting may be traced the roots of Chataway's present world renown and near-supremacy, not to mention Bannister's 3min. 59.4sec. mile. "Sheer inspiration" is Chataway's description of Stampfl's intuition in the field of athletic training.

But neither mechanics nor mathematics can produce a champion athlete if both heart and mind are not in control of the leg muscles—as they most certainly are in the case of Chris Chataway. Incidentally, he asks me to knock over once and for all that hoary piece of pseudo-scientific expertise that declared him some years ago to be too short in the leg, too narrow in the chest, and too slow in the pulse-rate for international athletics. See record-books for official contradiction of this whiskered canard.

"You may also deny," he asked, "that I am any kind of a rake. I smoke a maximum of eight cigarettes a day, and take only an occasional drink. Romantic attainments? Nil—or, at least, impermanent."

Works hard

CHATAWAY is my idea of a sportsman not solely because of what he has done for British prestige in the far corners of the world—Iron Curtain and otherwise. But because he likes amateur theatricals, works hard at being a brewer, goes home to Woking at week-ends, presides over the National Boys' Club, parades regularly as a Territorial officer, and has proved in public that second-best is just not good enough. In other words—because he is an ordinary young man who does a lot of ordinary things extraordinarily well.

Tennyson told us that "Whatever record leap to light he may, he shall be slurred." For that read Christopher John Chataway.

POCKET CARTOON
By OSBERT LANCASTER

"And where can I direct you to? Ribbentrop's old home or Karl Marx's grave?"

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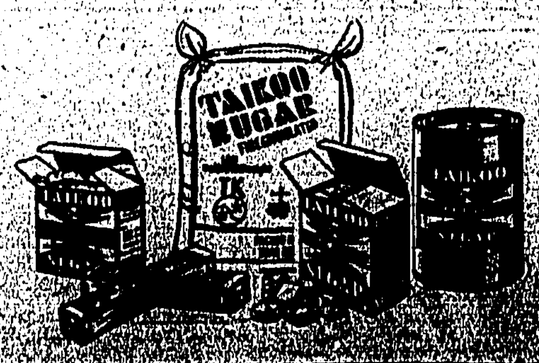
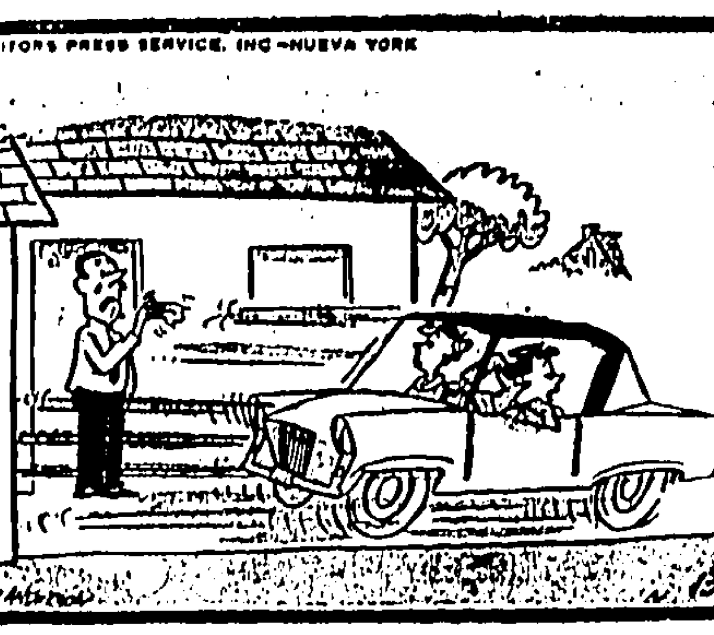




"This is the first time I've taken it out alone."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE Boundary Commission, having divided the cities into smoke zones and smokeless zones, will have to consider the case of a householder in a smoke zone who lights a coal fire when the wind is in the wrong direction, so that his chimney emits dark smoke which drifts over the dividing line.

The boundaries between the zones will have to be patrolled, day and night, by police vans equipped with smoke detectors. The emission of grey smoke from the chimneys of houses in which pipe-smokers are sitting close in to the electric fire in a smokeless zone will be the subject of a special inquiry. Perhaps permits for pipe-smoking at certain hours could be issued by a central bureau, and the sums paid for these permits could be used to help the advertising campaigns of the electricity companies.

A ringing challenge

IT was a pity that the date of Sir Winston Churchill's birthday, owing to a leakage was too widely known for the Socialists to start a campaign to hush it up. But two women M.P.s issued a challenge that should make their names immortal for several days, and may even procure them a place in some anthology of nonsense. Perhaps this will console them for their failure to get the Prime Minister boycotted on his birthday. If I thought they were worthy of my patronage, I would send each of them a cake and a hairy gooseberry.

The Strabismus bomb

AN appalling picture of the wars of the future, if Science is misled by Strabismus, is painted by Professor Amp Lugholtz in "Fission Digest." He says: "If bombs become innocuous, some new way will have to be found of terrorising civilian populations and destroying their homes. All the lessons learned in the last war will have been wasted, and the full brunt of attack and defence will have to be borne by the military and naval forces. In other words, women and children, the sick and the aged will no longer be given a chance to take part in operations of war. I consider that the sage of Waggling Parva is a traitor not merely to one nation but to the entire human race, which can only survive if the nations stockpile weapons so destructive that, at the first threat of armed force, they are able to obliterate themselves and each other."

Nothing to do with me

One of a load of hydraulic lifts fell from a lorry into the road.

(News item.)

IT was probably mere road-courtesy on the part of the driver, who had noticed a man at the side of the road holding up his hand for a lift. "Have this one, old chap," said the driver, pushing it off the top of his load.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

BORN today you are one of those naturally expansive individuals who make friends wherever they go. You have probably learned, early in life, how important it is to make a good first impression and as you progress onward, you are convinced that most battles of wits can be won with tact and diplomacy if you are only firm and strong-minded enough to insist upon what you want, quietly and decisively.

You have dramatic ability but whether you utilise this on the stage, screen or radio is a matter of early opportunity or training. You may merely make use of this gift in everyday happenings—making your own life a stage upon which you are always playing a leading role. You are not the type to be happy working under others. To do your best work, you must be your own boss—or preferably be a boss over others!

Since you envision everything on a grand scale, you dislike petty detail and want someone to take care of that for you. You like to plan things, draw up the blueprint, and let others follow your lead. It is likely that you are fond of competitive, outdoor sports and you will probably excel in these in your youth. Curb your tendency to be too critical of others. Just recall that you don't care to have others find fault with you.

Among those born on this date are: Millard Fillmore, 13th U.S. President; Albert Bierstadt, artist; Adolph Zuckor, film producer; Charles Tiffany, merchant; Mary E. Wilkins, author, and James B. Angell, educator.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Don't rely upon your memory if you want to remember something important that needs doing. Jot it down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—This will be an active day, especially if you have some chores to do around the house.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you have been planning some home repairs, this is a good time to get them done.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—In renewing an old friendship, you may also meet someone new who will influence your entire future.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Tackle a job at home which you may have been postponing. You will be glad to have done it now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—This could be a fine day for bargains. Look at the advertisements and compare prices to get the best buy.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Avoid becoming involved in any kind of an argument at home. Stay on the fence until things cool off!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Best not to find fault today. Tact is the best policy. If you disagree, just keep it to yourself.

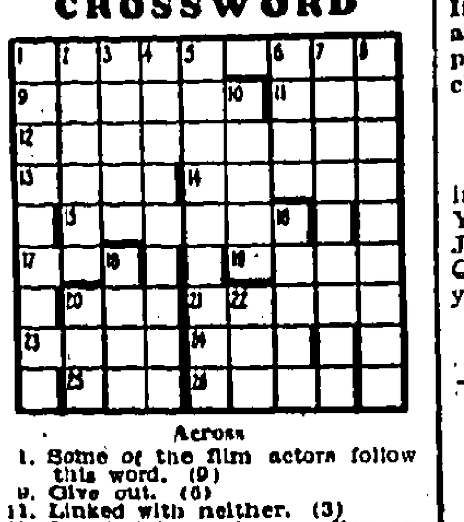
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A good day for you. Get a lot of jobs done around the house that you have been postponing recently.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Everything is fine at home. Do exactly as you would like to do. Have fun! This is one of your good days.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Let down tensions and rest up for the coming week. Don't worry about the past, either.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Get an early start today, so you can finish your chores and plan for a pleasant time this evening.

CROSSWORD

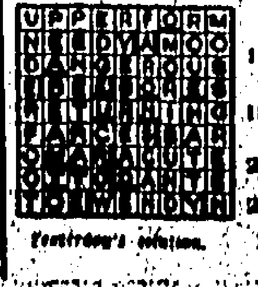


Across

1. Some of the film actors follow this word. (9)
9. Give out. (6)
11. Linked with neither. (3)
12. I get into a lance after an order to play very quietly. (9)
13. It might be a hat or a piece of wall-covering. (4)
14. It may be quite a view. (5)
15. Drives back. (6)
17. Slippery, but landed occasionally. (3)
19. A poet's long ago. (4)
20. Court. (3)
21. Often found in a tail. (5)
23. Bring in the money. (4)
24. Give the law a pointed twist. (3)
25. River for cattle-callers. (3)
26. Behold a steamship! (4)

Down

1. A world of wings. (9)
2. Breathe out. (6)
3. Traditional gift for teacher. (5)
4. This wires you to the rest of the world. (9)
5. What a joint, this—it's an all-round worker! (9)
6. Eating places for barristers. (4)
7. Scorn tune for a change. (9)
8. Smooth run can be expected after its discharge! (6, 3)
10. The only help available nowadays, usually. (6)
16. Marl and loam for instance. (5)
18. Learning, or splits, the French. (4)
20. Bank roll. (3)
22. This Down answer today is Expire. (5)



Yesterday's solution.

DUMB-BELLS

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Expert Can Usually Solve Tough Hands

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN both sides lead the same suit, one side is usually crazy. An exception to this rule is shown in today's hand, played by Harry Fishbein, one of America's great experts, and a favourite partner of mine in bridge tournaments.

The bidding was quite standard. Fishbein opened the South hand with one heart because it was too strong for one no-trump but not strong enough for two no-trump. North naturally responded with one spade, and now South could show his strength by jumping to two no-trump.

North understood that this showed a hand of 19 to 21 points, and he therefore knew that his own 7 points were enough for a raise to game.

West opened the three of diamonds, properly trying to establish his long suit. East played the ten, and Fishbein won with the jack in his own hand.

What should declarer do next? He could take eight fast tricks, but how was he to develop the ninth? If he gave up a spade or a heart in the attempt to set up his ninth trick, the enemy would quickly take four diamond tricks as well, defeating the contract.

Fishbein solved his problem by firing a diamond right back at West. Perhaps West should have refused to cash his diamonds, but this sort of restraint was far beyond the actual West player.

He took his four diamond tricks, on which his partner could safely discard three clubs, while South parted with a heart and a spade.

West then got out safely with a club, and South took his three club tricks. Now East was caught in a squeeze. If he kept only two spades, dummy would provide a low spade trick; and if East kept only two hearts, South would develop the nine of hearts as his ninth trick. Either way, Fishbein was sure to make his game contract.

NORTH 16
♠K 9 7 5 2
♥7 6 3
♦9 8 5
♣K J

WEST
♠6
♥Q 5
♦A K 6 3 2
♣9 5 4 3 2

EAST
♠Q J 10 8
♥J 10 8 2
♦10 4
♣10 8 7

SOUTH (D)
♠A 4 3
♥A K 9 4
♦Q J 7
♣A Q 6

North-South vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 N.T.	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♦ 3

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Diamond	Pass	1 Spade	Pass
2 Clubs	Pass	?	

You, South hold: Spades K-Q-J-7-3, Hearts 8-2, Diamonds Q-5-4, Clubs K-9-6. What do you do?

A—Bid two spades. This bid shows a fairly strong suit of at least five cards with at least a slight hope of reaching a game. If you had a long spade suit in a bad hand you would tend to pass either one diamond or two clubs instead of speaking twice.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-J-9-3-2, Hearts 8-2, Diamonds Q-4, Clubs K-9-6. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

THE NEW WORD GAME

Target

D	U	A
S	**B**	M
E	A	C

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the above square? In making each word the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no proper names; no foreign words. TODAY'S TARGET: 18 words. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.—Elope, heel, helot, help, hole holt, hotel leet, leno, lent, lone, lope, loth, peel, pelt, plot, pole, TELEPHONE, thole.

London Express Service

WOMANSENSE

"PIRATE" PLAYSUIT

This gay three-piece playsuit consists of red and white striped heavy cotton pique slacks with large "pirate" patches, a matching strapless bra-top, and a black poplin knotted bolero with upstanding collar and wide cuffs.—London Express Service.

LOW-CALORIE DESSERTS FOR THE OVERWEIGHT

By ALICE DENHOFF

TODAY we offer some recipes for desserts that are delicious and low-calorie, specially designed for the overweight.

Lemon Snow first, the recipe for 60 portions. Only 96 calories per serving.

Soften tbsp. (1 envelope) unflavoured gelatin in ½ c. cold water. Let stand 5 min.

Combine ½ c. sugar, 1 c. hot water, ¼ c. lemon juice, tsp. lemon rind; stir until sugar dissolves. Add softened gelatin; stir until gelatin is completely dissolved. Chill until slightly thickened.

Pour 1/3 c. water into 1-qt. bowl. Sprinkle 1/3 c. nonfat dry milk powder over surface of water. Beat with rotary beater or electric mixer until stiff, about 8-10 min.

Whip slightly thickened gelatin mixture until frothy. Fold in whipped nonfat dry milk powder mixture. Pour into moulds or individual serving dishes. Chill until firm.

A Custard Dessert

A low-calorie boiled custard, served over a pear or peach half is a dieter's special. It is tasty, high in nutritional value, and low in sugar and fat.

Combine 3 slightly beaten eggs, ¼ c. sugar, ⅛ tsp. salt and 2 c. water in top of double boiler. Sprinkle ½ c. nonfat dry milk powder over surface of mixture; beat with rotary beater until blended.

Cook, stirring constantly, over hot, but not boiling water until mixture coats a silver spoon. Chill immediately.

Serve 3 tbsp. boiled custard over the fruit. Makes about 1¾ c. custard, and the calorie count is 32 per serving.

Apple Whip

Apple Whip, 6 servings at 100 calories a portion is our next suggestion.

Soften tbsp. (1 envelope) unflavoured gelatin in ¼ c. cold water. Let stand 5 min. Heat 1¼ c. apple juice and 1/3 c. sugar to boiling point. Add softened gelatin; stir until mixture dissolves. Chill until slightly thickened.

Pour 1/3 c. water and tbsp. lemon juice into 1-qt. bowl; sprinkle 1/3 c. nonfat dry milk powder over surface of water. Beat until stiff, about 6 to 10 min. Fold whipped nonfat dry milk mixture into slightly thickened gelatin mixture.

Pour into moulds or individual serving dishes.

H-line Silhouette For Spring

This beige woollen dress for cocktails is presented by Pierre Billet in his series of spring dresses known as the "Thoroughbred" collection. Featuring an H-line waist, this dress has a turtle neck with a little scarf attached to it, three-quarter length sleeves and pleated skirt. — Agence France-Presse.

CAN YOU TELL WHAT THE BABY WANTS FROM HIS CRYING?

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

CRYING is about the only way your baby can let you know something is wrong. And, believe it or not, you can usually tell what the trouble is by the way he cries.

When a baby is happy and comfortable, he won't cry at all. When he does let loose, however, every wail may mean something, even though it might indicate only that the little tot is displeased with something.

Different types of crying mean different things. You parents might do well to learn what they usually signify.

For example, if your baby is hungry, he'll probably let you know by a prolonged violent cry. It's likely to be more fretful than sharp. The only way to stop this type of crying is by feeding him.

Another continuous cry, usually of a higher pitch and very piercing, indicates severe pain. The most common cause of this is earache.

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Food won't silence the baby when something is hurting him. If a pin is sticking him, or he's bothered by an itch, or maybe wet diapers, he'll let you know with an obstinate cry. It will be less violent and less piercing, however, than his warning of severe pain.

Colic produces a violent, but paroxysmal cry. He'll pause for a moment, then begin again.

An extremely violent cry that starts suddenly, without a whimper, usually means the baby has hurt himself in a fall or in some other manner. You can usually soothe his injuries in a hurry and he will stop crying.

You can tell your baby is sleepy if he rubs his eyes and emits a mild, fretful cry.

An almost inaudible cry most often signifies great exhaustion, and a hoarse cry is a pretty good sign of laryngitis.

There are other cries, too, which indicate a disease or other illness. But you had better not try to diagnose these yourself.

There is one good thing about a lusty, crying baby. It means he has excellent lungs.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Glive Wants to Move

—He Seeks a New Address for His Old Home—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, was taking a walk down the road when he met his friend Glive the Snail.

Glive was a curious character. When Glive went for a walk, he didn't walk out of his house, he walked in his house. That is to say, he carried his house with him wherever he went.

Why Snails Are Slow

Glive looked like a little old man with a big bundle on his back. And naturally, because he carried so much around with him, Glive couldn't walk very fast. In fact, it was a wonder that he was able to walk at all.

"Hi, Glive," Knarf said.

"Howdy, Knarf."

"Where are you going, Glive?"

"Hunting," said Glive.

Knarf opened his eyes wide at this. As we said before, Glive was like an old man. Moreover with that house on his back and the slowness of his walk, he didn't look much like a hunter.

"I don't suppose," Knarf said, "that you're going to hunt anything like lions and tigers."

"Oh no, nothing like that," said Glive.

"I don't even suppose you're going to hunt for squirrels or even chipmunks."

"No, not them either," said Glive.

"I'm hunting for a place to move."

"Oh, are you looking for a new house?" said Knarf.

A Particular Tenant

Glive shook his head and explained that it wasn't a new house that he was looking for. It was a new place to put his old house. That's what he wanted.

"A nice quiet place in a refined neighbourhood," said Glive.

"What about the maple tree?" said Knarf. "There's a nice view from the top of the maple tree."

"No, too many stairs to climb," said Glive. "It would take me all morning to climb down and all afternoon to climb up."

"I know a nice green patch of moss near the brook," said Knarf. "How would that do?"

"Not for me, thank you," said Glive. "I don't like living on the ground floor. Someone might come along and take me for a chestnut."

Knarf said: "You don't like living high up, and you don't like living low down. I know a very pretty place, right in the middle of the rose bush."

"Too thorny," said Glive.

"A fern," said Knarf.

"Too draughty," said Glive.

"You could live under the porch of the house," said Knarf.

"And hear people stamping on my head all day? No, thank you."

Just then Willy Toad came hopping along. "Hi, there, Knarf! Hi, there, Glive! Either of you boys looking for a nice place to live in?"

"I am, Willy," said Glive. "What kind of a place is it?"

"It's an empty knothole in a telephone pole," said Willy. "I just discovered it this morning. It's too small for me but it's very convenient. It's right at the edge of the road, near the brook and near the woods and near the town and near the grocery store. And you can use the telephone all you like!"

"Just exactly the kind of place I'm looking for," said Glive. "What's the address?"

"It hasn't got any address," said Willy. "But there it is."

Willy hopped up to Knarf and Glive.

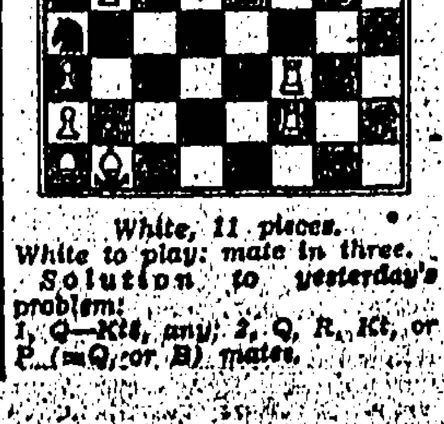
He pointed with his thumb right behind him. And Glive said good-bye and started off, house and all, for his new place in the telephone pole.

"Snails sure are queer," said Willy. "There he goes living in a telephone pole and I bet he won't even use the telephone."

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. AKERBLOM

Black, 5 pieces.



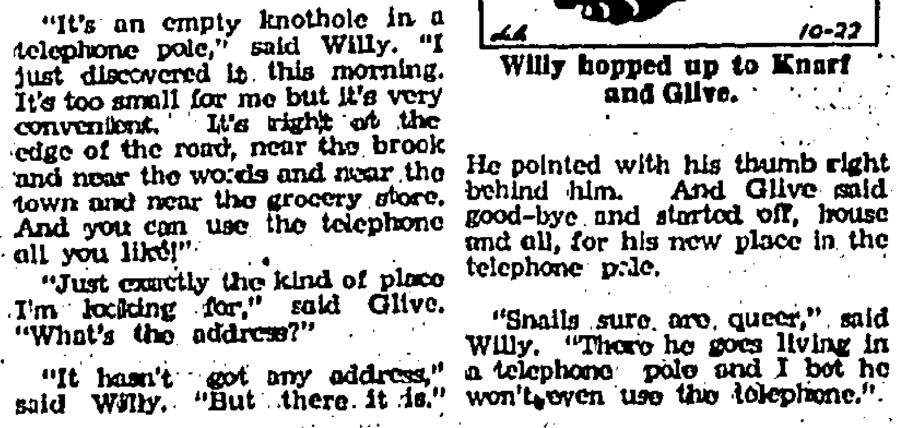
White, 11 pieces.

White to play: mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, Q—Kt, any; 2, Q, R, Kt, or P (=Q or B) mates.

Rupert and the Magic Ball—14



Rupert has hardly moved away when he stops again and stares. There, lying quietly in the long grass, is a fine, large ball. At once he calls loudly to Tigerlily, but there is no reply. "I expect she has gone too far to hear me," he thinks. "I'd better take the ball to her." Eagerly he picks it up. "Why, you're as light as a feather!" he says. "Now we shan't be long. Here, hi! Where are you going?" For as he speaks the ball begins to quiver, and next moment it has again floated away out of his hands.

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The Male Sex On Women's Grooming:

Scrambled Coiffures Are Annoying . . .

IT seems we can learn about women from men!

We recently did a little research work along those lines, asking men what they first notice about a woman's appearance, what details of grooming they considered most important, and their ideas on make-up.

Some men admire gaily-coloured clothes, while more conservative ones feel that these make a woman appear too conspicuous.

All think it is shameful for a woman to let her figure get heavy, but they also criticise the girl who doesn't do something about protruding collar-bones and skinny legs.

The majority prefer brunettes to blondes and for some strange reason, the redheads get a poor rating.

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Stringy hair and scrambled coiffures are a pet peeve with members of the male sex. Several said they noticed hair before complexions or even figures.

Men are in favour of make-up. They believe that it brings freshness to a woman's appearance, makes her more vivid and interesting looking. But they don't want rouge and lipstick to be too obvious.

They have no objection to the application of lipstick in public. One college boy, in fact, said it was fun to watch a girl paint a new face.

Men have a keen eye for attractive feet and legs. They admire our beautifully made, charmingly decorated shoes. High heels! They are for them to a man!

—HELEN FOLLETT

SOME OF THEM WILL BE BRITAIN'S SPORTS STARS OF 1955

By ERIC NICHOLLS

One way and another, Nineteen Fifty-Four was quite a year. Memories linger on of Roger Bannister's four-minute Mile; of lion-heart Chris Chataway pipping Vladimir Kuts at the White City post; of Stanley Matthews, pulling even more tricks out of the bag despite his 39 years; of Jaroslav Drobny—the inimitable 'Drob'—bringing tears to the eyes of tennis fans, on Wimbledon's Centre Court, by succeeding at last where so often he had failed. They will not be forgotten. They and many others.

What does the future hold for Britain? Will 1955 herald the arrival of sportsmen to emulate Bannister, Chataway, Drobny and Stan Matthews? Maybe, maybe not. Waiting just around the corner, though, are a bunch of young athletes ready to do their bit towards upholding Great Britain's sporting prestige.

Some have already entered first class competition. Before the year is out many others will have set tongues wagging.

Down Cauliflower Lane, the [illegible] has reached a [illegible] point in Britain, so we are told.

More [illegible] optimistic [illegible] for the big time are [illegible] pugilistic prospects, blessed with more than average skill. All four, not so long ago, were the amateur vest. Now they've the fortune to go with fame. Before many more Saturday nights have gone by each may find it.

Heavyweight Henry Cooper, one of the boxing twins, may well be in line for a tilt at Don Cockell, title at the end of this year. And that's not merely wishful thinking on behalf of this 21-year-old Londoner. Even Harry Levene has bid for his contract.

A cursory glance at Ronald Barton packs the punch of a battleship in his leathered fists. He is transferring his attentions to America to further his boxing education.

HEAVES MEAT

Barton heaves meat within the precincts of Smithfield, when not engaged in the more serious business of heaving human carcases out of the canvas square.

Many more boxers, with the more than possible inclusion of Champion Alex Buxton, will receive the same heavy-lb treatment from Mr Barton.

Middleweight Johnny Read, former ABA semi-finalist as well as King of the Far East Land Forces, light heavies a couple of years back, also seems destined to go far.

Among the lighter boys, perhaps the brightest prospect is 19-year-old boiler-maker Dave Charnley. A southpaw style brought Charnley an ABA title and international honours, and now promises to guide him to even greater things as a professional.

What has football to offer for the future? Busby 'Babe' Duncan Edwards, West Ham's Harry Hooper, Johnny Haynes of Fulham and Albert Quixall, the 'Golden Boy' of Sheffield, have already hinted at future greatness in the representative sphere.

Then there's Ron Flowers, Wolves' tenacious left half, and right half Alan Woods of 'Spurs. Woods has yet to establish himself in League football. With Danny Blanchflower occupying the No 4 berth at Tottenham, his entry is likely to be slightly delayed. But lucky Arthur Rowe! It's not every manager who has such a bright young deputy.

In Birmingham they think highly of Alec Jackson, the boy with the famous name. At 17, he can already boast a couple of games in West Bromwich Albion's premier side. There will be many more.

HABIT OF FINDING

Charlton Athletic have a habit of finding and grooming their own talent. On the verge of joining Charlton's youngsters already in the League side are wing half Keith Cox, 19, nephew of the club's Assistant Manager and former inside forward George Robinson, winger Keith Tucker (18), and centre half Gordon Jago (22).

The amateurs are not lagging far behind. Seamus O'Connell, the 22-year-old Bishop Auckland and Chelsea inside-left, may yet follow in the footsteps of the select band who have gained amateur and full international caps. And Walthamstow Avenue can justly claim to have one of the finest outside-lefts of the future in Denzil Flanagan, also just 22.

The tennis exploits of young Welshman Mike Davies have impressed Jaroslav Drobny sufficiently for the Wimbledon Champion to take him under his wing. Bobby Wilson is still showing fine form, but Air Force service seems to have taken the edge off Billy Knight's play.

Wimbledon should again prove a wretched journey for any misguided female prepared to tangle with Maureen Connolly and racket. But then "Little Mo" had already staked her claim to fame at an age when most young ladies either reside within the sheltered portals of a seminary, or are attending High School.

Ann Haydon holds the Wimbledon Junior Girls' title, and reigns supreme in table tennis. But it's hard to imagine anyone experiencing any great success at both sports. And if it comes to a choice, Ann will probably plump for the table game.

Here she will face a strong challenge from Joyce Fielder, who has rapidly risen to the top last season.

Among the boys, England has the hard-hitting Terry Densham, Laurie Landry and the diminutive Eddie Hodson. All seem set for a bright career.

BANNISTER TRADITION

In athletics, Britain can boast two Millers, Ken Wood and Jim Boyd, to carry on the Roger Bannister tradition. Half Mile Champion Brian Hewson also has the makings of a really good Miller.

Ann Johnson and Shirley Burgess are perhaps the best of England's up-and-coming lady athletes.

Cricketers have a habit of suddenly springing to the fore without warning. All England and particularly his home county of Kent is proud of Colin Cowdrey, still only in his early twenties. Yorkshire, who produced fiery Freddie Trueman, think they have found another brilliant fast bowler in Alan Hodgson.

In the golfing line, Brian Hunt, younger brother of Bernard Hunt, is a player to watch.

So there you have it. Out of this little lot, Britain can produce at least a couple of Champions. Don't expect miracles. These things take time. But they are going to be good. Of that I am certain.

—(London Express Service.)

GRAND MASTER IN ACTION

The Russian Chess Grand Master, Vasily Smyslov, in play at the Hastings Chess Congress. He is considered to be the world's second ranking Chess Grand Master after Mikhail Botvinnik, the World Champion. — Central Press Photo.

British Newspapers Lavish In Their Praise Of Hutton

London, Jan. 6.

British newspapers today lavishly praise Yorkshire-born skipper Len Hutton and his men for their victory over Australia in the third cricket Test match, which ended at Melbourne yesterday.

Lengthy reports of the match are featured prominently on the sports and news pages with the main emphasis on Hutton's captaincy and the part played by 24-year-old Frank Tyron for his feat in taking seven Australian wickets for 27 runs.

The Conservative Yorkshire Post hailed the British team's victory as "England's cricketing star in the ascendant."

In a leading article this newspaper said: "If Australia is to recapture the Ashes she must win both the remaining Tests and the odds now seem to be heavily against her."

Praising the quality of the English batting and the bowling of Tyson and Statham, the Yorkshire Post added: "In this country in 1953 England fought her way through four drawn matches—and twice survived only by the skin of her teeth—before the final Test at the Oval brought the Ashes home for the first time in two decades.

FORGED A WEAPON

"Now at last we seem to have forged a weapon of attack worthy of the greatest day of Larwood and Voce. The Australians have been rattled—a rare experience for that resourceful and resilient race of cricketers. For the time being at any rate the initiative is with England.

"This has also been a happy occasion for Hutton himself. As England's first professional captain he has naturally been exposed to close scrutiny. One or two commentators have asked whether the cares of captaincy were affecting his cricketing judgment. This game seems to have given them the answer.

"His decisions as a selector—even the omission of Bedser—have yet to be proved wrong. His practical control of the English attack has been praised everywhere. His own batting, although perhaps not at its very best, was good enough to bring him more runs than any Australian batsman but one.

"If there were any lingering doubts whether this professional could worthily fill the office which amateurs have filled in the past, they should now have been set at rest.

"In the Valhalla to which the ghosts of great cricketers go, they will no doubt be talking with pleasure today over the victory of the English team—and amateur and professional alike, including the captain who led it," the Yorkshire Post said.—China Mail Special.

SCOTTISH SPORTS REVIEWED

Champion Keenan Plans A Busy Year

By JAMES ANDERSON

"Here's hoping for anything but a peaceful New Year," is the wish of Peter Keenan, Glasgow's British Bantamweight Champion.

"I want to fight as often as possible. Even when I've no engagement lined up I will train three nights a week in my private gymnasium," is Keenan's 1955 outlook.

If plans materialise Keenan will figure in Britain's first world title fight since Randolph Turpin met Sugar Ray Robinson at Harringay in 1951.

Glasgow promoter Sammy Docherty has a promise that Robert Cohen, French World Bantamweight Champion, will put his title at stake in Scotland in the spring or early summer.

Only possible snag concerns cash. Cohen is likely to demand a five-figure guarantee. That would make the bout the most expensive ever in Scotland.

To bring in sufficient paying customers Docherty will probably put the show on in the open. So it is unlikely to come off before May or June.

Mixing it with Cohen is few people's idea of a prosperous New Year. Keenan, however, is confident he can tame the ferocious Frenchman. He has held fast to that belief since he first saw Cohen in action and has studied him in several fights.

TWO OPERATIONS

One fighter who won't forget meeting Cohen in a hurry is Roy Ankrah, former Empire Featherweight Champion. Ankrah, beaten in three rounds by Cohen just before Christmas, will be out of action for four months—possibly longer.

Ankrah, who lives in Glasgow, has been examined by Dr F. P. Cassidy, medical officer to the Scottish Council of the Boxing Board.

"There is definite obstruction in his nose," said Dr Cassidy "and he will have to have an operation. He also has a slight hernia for which he will require a second operation.

"I cannot allow him to fight again inside four months and, indeed, it may be six months before he is able to resume boxing."

Apart from the nose injury, received in his fight with Sammy McCarthy two weeks before he fought Cohen and aggravated in the contest with the Frenchman, Dr Cassidy said he found Ankrah in good shape.

Was Ankrah weak at 8st. 8lbs.? "No," said Dr Cassidy. "He appears to have brought his weight down by sheer hard training and over-anxiety to honour his contract. His nose injury was the sole cause of his bad showing. It impeded his breathing."

Ankrah emphatically disputes that Cohen is a "killer."

"He didn't hurt me at all apart from damaging my already injured nose," he says, and went on to declare: "Peter Keenan will certainly beat him."

RETURN MATCH

Scotland and Hungary have finally agreed on a provisional date for their return soccer match in Budapest. It will be on May 26.

Why has it been so difficult to decide? Because Scotland were determined they should be at their best.

They were already booked to play Yugoslavia on May 15 and Austria on May 19. Hungary wanted them to play three days later—on May 22.

They brought pressure to bear. But the Scottish Football Association, remembering what happened to England (7-1) last spring, insisted on at least a week's break.

NEXT STAGE

Scotland's international soccer selectors have announced the next stage in their plans to build a team of world beaters. It consists of two floodlight games early in January — Scotland v The Army on January 17 and Scotland v Scotland "B" on February 21.

I'm glad the selectors have finally come to life with fresh ideas. One of the most satisfying features is the search for promising youngsters. Those in the "B" team will be under 23 years of age.

Several who have been fighting for recognition are also likely to be given their big chance in the strong side chosen to play the Army.

Said one selector, "This is the beginning of a scheme to raise our standard of play and put us in a position to challenge the world—with confidence."

The floodlight games will be followed by the "B" International against England at Ibrox in March. Then comes the full England match at Wembley in May.

—(London Express Service).

AL WEILL SAYS

A Cockell-Marciano Title Fight Being Seriously Considered

New York, Jan. 6.

Mr Al Weill, Manager of World Heavyweight Boxing Champion, Rocky Marciano, said here today he was considering "quite seriously" the offer made by British boxing promoter Jack Solomons for a title defence against England's Champion, Don Cockell, in London in April or May this year.

Solomons, in a cable from Johannesburg, South Africa, offered $300,000 (£107,100) to Marciano for the contest.

Weill today emphasised that the condition of Marciano's nose was the determining factor in considering Solomons' offer. He explained that Marciano's nose was "pretty badly" cut in his last bout with Ezzard Charles here last September, and although it was healing nicely, he did not want to test it out in the ring.

THAT NOSE

"I am very much interested in Solomons' offer," Weill said. "But I want to know how Marciano's nose is going to stand up before he gets into the ring so he is going to do a little boxing up at his training camp.

"By February 15, I will know just where it stands and whether it is a match," he added.

Weill said that when he received Solomons' cable, he conferred with Mr James Norris, President of the International Boxing Club in New York. He said they discussed the two other offers they had received recently.

Chanley Johnstone, Manager of the World Lightheavyweight Champion, Archie Mooro, was reported to have guaranteed Marciano $400,000 (£142,000) and Colonel Fernandez was reported to have bid $250,000 (£81,250) for Marciano to defend his title against Nino Valdes of Cuba in Havana.—Reuter.

THE OFFER

Johannesburg, Jan. 6.

Jack Solomons, the London boxing promoter, has cabled an offer of $300,000 (about £107,000) to Rocky Marciano, the American World Heavyweight Champion, to defend his title against Don Cockell, the British and British Empire Champion, in London.

In his cable to Al Weill, Marciano's manager Solomons said: "Offer you $300,000 for Marciano to defend title in London late April or early May, against Cockell."

Meanwhile Mr James Norris, President of the International Boxing Club, said in New York that a Cuban sports official had offered Marciano $250,000 (£89,250) to defend his title against Nino Valdes, of Cuba, in Havana this winter.

The offer was made by Colonel Miranda, Chairman of the National Sports Committee of Cuba.

But Mr Norris said Marciano could not be available until late April at the earliest, which was too late for the Havana boxing season.—Reuter.

Recreio Cricket Selections

Recreio 1st XI versus K.C.C. (Home) A. M. Prata (Capt.); A. M. Rodrigues; E. L. Gosano; G. N. Gosano; A. E. Noronha; C. A. Guterres; J. A. Guterres; H. L. Ozorio; J. A. Soares; R. Nunes; N. J. Souza. Scorer:—L. d'A. Remedios.

Recreio 2nd XI versus K.C.C. (Away) L. J. d'A. Remedios (Capt.); A. P. Guterres, Jr; R. A. d'A. Remedios; A. A. Alonco; M. A. Guterres; C. A. Yvanovich; F. M. Correa; C. A. d'A. Remedios; L. da Luz; D. Gastro; J. A. Basto. Umpire:—A. E. Osmund.

Registration Of Hockey Umpires

Mr P. F. Xavier, Chairman of the Hockey Umpires Board will be at the Hongkong Regiment Lecture Hut on Murray Parade Ground on Tuesday, January 11th at 5.30 p.m.

Hockey umpires are requested to register their names, addresses and other particulars with Mr Xavier on that day.

IRC "B" XI

The following have been selected for the match to represent the IRC "B" v DBS at Sookunpoo tomorrow commencing at 1.30 p.m. Arthur A. A. Rumjahn (Capt), A. Rashid Abbas, S. F. Chagla, K. Lalchand, M. A. Wahab, Jr., Sherry Bucks, A. M. Omar, L. G. Ebert, T. E. Chiba, R. A. Bux. Umpire: K. M. Omar. Scorer: A. R. Bin Kitchell.

League Soccer Standings

The following are the League standings up to and including January 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
First Division							
Kitchee	10	10	2	3	37	10	22
South China	13	9	2	2	61	19	20
K.M.D.	10	8	0	2	43	14	16
Sing Tao	12	6	4	2	35	16	16
St. Josephs	12	7	2	4	37	29	16
Eastern	13	7	2	4	33	22	16
Army	12	6	1	5	39	30	13
Kwong Wah	11	6	1	4	21	24	13
C.A.A.	12	3	1	8	29	35	7
R.A.F.	10	3	1	7	20	39	6
Police	11	2	1	8	17	45	5
Club	9	2	0	7	10	35	4
Navy	10	0	2	8	12	60	2
Second Division "A"							
K.M.B	15	14	1	0	64	8	29
Army	15	10	3	3	76	25	23
South China	14	10	0	4	41	20	20
Kitchee	14	8	4	2	30	21	20
Western	15	8	3	4	36	18	19
C.A.A.	12	8	2	2	32	16	18
Kwong Wah	13	7	2	4	30	21	16
Sing Tao	14	6	2	6	27	23	12
St. Josephs	12	4	2	6	21	29	10
Taikoo	16	4	2	9	25	47	10
Police	11	4	1	6	22	30	9
R.A.F.	11	3	2	6	16	31	8
Eastern	14	1	1	12	12	44	3
Club	12	1	1	10	13	46	3
Gymnastic	14	1	1	12	21	50	3
Second Division "B"							
Jardine	10	9	0	1	31	12	18
Little Sai Wan	8	8	0	0	45	14	16
R.E.M.E.	10	7	1	2	37	18	15
Prisons	9	6	0	1	30	13	12
C. & W.	10	5	2	3	26	24	12
R.A.M.C.	8	5	0	3	20	10	10
C.M.B.	9	4	0	5	27	28	8
Solicitors	9	2	2	5	12	22	6
Dairy Farm	9	2	1	6	15	27	5
Telephone	9	2	0	7	15	29	4
Dockyard	10	2	0	8	10	38	4
Tramways	10	2	0	8	17	44	4
Third Division							
H.K. Aircraft	11	7	3	1	34	9	17
University	11	7	3	1	30	14	17
K.M.B.	10	6	0	2	47	11	16
R.I.L.	10	8	0	2	30	10	16
S. & S. Tamar	11	7	1	3	33	15	15
Lane, Crawford	11	0	1	4	27	21	13
Hood Works	10	4	1	5	27	31	9
Kln. Godown	10	3	2	5	15	23	8
Fabica	9	3	0	6	14	29	6
Rediffusion	9	1	1	7	12	45	3
Watsons	11	1	1	9	11	47	3
Hollandia	9	0	0	9	4	51	0

Prince Bira Is Favoured To Win N. Zealand Race

Auckland, Jan. 7

Prince Birabongse (Bira) of Siam is favoured to win the New Zealand Grand Prix motor race at Ardmore, 26 miles from Auckland, tomorrow.

However, Bira's formula one Maserati is expected to be pushed hard by Britain's Tony Gaze and Peter Whitehead in new short chassis three-litre Ferraris.

The Ferraris are on trial for the first time. They are expected to prove among the fastest sports racing cars in the world.

The race is over 200 miles (about 322 kilometres) involving 100 circuits of the two-mile (3.22 kilometres) course. There are two straights, each of over half a mile (about 804 metres), with hair-pin bends at the end.

The race organisers expect a crowd of 80,000. The weather is expected to be fine and the course fast.—China Mail Special.

Dorians Ladies' Hockey Teams

The following have been selected to represent the Dorians in the Ladies' Hockey league tomorrow.

Dorians "A" vs Gremlins at King's Park commencing at 3.45 p.m. L. Lim, A. Oei, N. Hill, M. Fincher, B. Greaves, M. McInnes, P. Kent, D. Madgett, P. Bliss, V. Churn, A. Rheinisch.

The following girls will represent the Dorians "B" Team v Recreio "B". D. White, N. Carvalho, D. Maddox, E. Jacobsen, R. Wu, V. Gonzalez, J. Kent, M. Clayson, L. Phoon, P. Rheinisch, L. Rheinisch. Reserves: R. Bell, H. Azan.

THOM LEAVES FOR BANGKOK

London, Jan. 6.

Wally Thom, European and British Welterweight Boxing Champion, left London by air tonight for Bangkok where he is to fight the Orient Champion, Yomdez Songatrib, on January 16.

Thom's manager said Thom might fight Alf Sands, contender for the Australian title, in Australia before returning to London.—China Mail Special.

CLUB SOCCER XI TO MEET CAA IN SENIOR SHIELD

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Football Club against the Chinese Athletic Club in the quarter-finals of the Senior Soccer Shield, at the Club ground on Sunday, kick off at 3.45 p.m.: Lawson, Clayne, Wright; Kinlock, Falconer, McDonald; Paton, Gardner, Weller, Pickering, MacGregor. Reserve: Malden.

The following will represent the Club Second XI in a Second Division "A" league match against the Police at Boundary Street on Sunday commencing at 4 p.m.: Jones, MacDonald, O'Neill, Newman, Bishop, Torrington, Bottomley, Davies, Babbs, Deignan, Wake. Reserve: Munch.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE PEARCE MEMORIAL CUP

Saturday, 22nd January, 1955.

Over 300,000 tickets sold to date.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 21st January, as follows:—

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon,	at 4.00 p.m.
5 D'Aguilar Street,	at 5.00 p.m.
Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road,	at 6.00 p.m.

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SUGAR RAY FIGHTING AGAIN THIS MONTH

Chicago, Jan. 6

Sugar Ray Robinson, former World Middleweight Boxing Champion, will have the second fight of his comeback campaign against middleweight Ralph (Tiger) Jones of New York at Chicago Stadium on January 19.

Robinson knocked out Joe Rindone in Detroit last night in his first serious fight in 30 months.—Reuter

Rifle Association Spoon Shoot

The next Spoon Shoot of the Hongkong Rifle Association will be held at Kai Tak "B" Range on Sunday, January 9, at 9 a.m. Firing will be at 300, 500 and 600 yards. Spoons will be awarded to the first score in each class.

Whatever the subject CAPTURE IT WITH

Canon

The PHFFFT! girl

SHE loves, then she hates...all in slapstick style

AN attractive girl came on the screen one evening last month before the main film and gave a lesson on pronunciation of a new word—a word that will stay in the language.

The word is PHFFFT. The girl said: "It's very simple. You place your lower lip against your upper teeth and blow down. That is the sound of a marriage breaking up."

Phffft is like the noise of a fly whisk rapidly swished through the air—or a roller blind being brought down very smartly. It is also the title of the latest **Judy Holliday** film to come to London.

After the It Girl, the Oomph Girl, and the Sweater Girl, now comes the Phffft Girl. And that bright little former telephone operator Miss Holliday is it.

AND here she is: Judy Holliday, successor to the It Girl, Oomph Girl and the Sweater Girl.

Since she appeared for the first time in a picture, "Born Yesterday," as the so-intelligent dumb blonde, Judy Holliday has been sustaining a gimmick approach to filming.

"Phffft" is the latest in the line. And Miss Holliday demonstrates again that her success is based on shrewed slapstick.

by **DAVID LEWIN**

With remorsreless logic "Phffft" shows what happens to Miss Holliday after her marriage goes phutt. For eight years she has been married to a lawyer who looks after her income tax.

He is played by a happy young actor called **Jack Lemmon** and he has a theory: "You can't get to know a person until you have been through her cancelled cheques."

But after eight years Miss Holliday and Mr Lemmon are divorced. "Deep down I hate you," they both agree. But then what happens?

A kiss, a tiger-skin

She writes a sort of Dr Dale's Diary for TV. An actor invites her out to dinner. But when he takes her to his flat and she purses her lips for a kiss, all he can say is: "Can you build up my part in the serial?"

The ex-husband goes out with a blonde. He invites her to his home, where there is a tiger-skin rug on the floor. The girl slides off the sofa when he is ready to kiss her and says: "I always wanted to see a man who had a tiger-skin rug." And that little romance is over.

So before you can say Phffft ex-wife and ex-husband are together again.

This is a picture which slyly digs you in the ribs. Judy Holliday has the smile, the face, and the insolence to prove that the tax return on love is fun.

—*(London Express Service).*

Sports Diary

TODAY

Football

Seafarers Football match: British v Dutch.

Meetings

HKFRA Monthly Meeting, 7.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Soccer

Senior Shield.—St Joseph's v Army (Club); KMB v South China (CH). Both matches commencing at 3.45 p.m.

Junior Shield.—Little Sai Wan v Army (Club); South China v Sing Tao (CH). Both matches commencing at 3 p.m.

Division 2 "B".—Dairy Farm v Telephone; Solicitors v Tramways, Happy Valley 2.30 p.m.; Jardines v CMB; RAMC v C & W, Happy Valley 4 p.m.

Hockey

Ladies' League.—Service v Victorians (KP) 2.30 p.m.; Recreio v Dorians "B" (BS) 2.30 p.m.; Recreio "A" v KGV "B" (BS) 3.45 p.m.; Dorians "A" v Gremlins (KP) 3.45 p.m.

Interport Trials Pool Ground Happy Valley at 3 p.m.

Cricket

First Division.—Recreio v KCC PRC v CCC; Navy v Army. PRC v CCC; Navy v Army; Scorpions v Army South.

Second Division.—KCC v Recreio; IRC "B" v DBS.

SUNDAY

Soccer

Senior Shield. — Club v CAA (Club); Eastern v Kitchee (CH). Both matches commencing at 3.45 p.m.

Junior Shield. — Eastern v Roadworks (Club); Kitchee v KMB (CH). Both matches commencing at 2 p.m.

Div. 2 "A". — Western v Taikoo (Skp) 2.30 p.m.; CAA v Kwong Wah (BS) 2.30 p.m.; Police v Club (BS) 4 p.m.

Div. 3. — Rediffusion v Hollandia (Navy) 2.30 p.m.; RIL v Kowloon Godown (Navy) 4 p.m.

Hockey

Div. 1.—Army v Recreio "A" (Skp) 4 p.m.; RN "A" v Nav Bharat "A" (KP) 4 p.m.; Dutch HC v Army "B" (Skp) 2.30 p.m.

Div. 2.—Police v Knights (Police) 11 a.m.; HKHC v Sookunpoo (Skp) 11 a.m.; RN "B" v Nav Bharat "B" (KP) 2.30 p.m.

Interport Hockey Practice 11 a.m. Boundary Street.

Cricket

Div. 2.—Army v IRC "A" [illegible]

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ROYAL H.K. DEFENCE FORCE ORDERS

Serial No. 1. Orders by Lieut Col. O. F. Newton Dunn, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated January 4, 1955

Force Orders

Audit Board. — An Audit Board composed as under will assemble at the Adm Officer's Office at RHKDF on Wednesday, January 26, 1955, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of auditing such accounts as may be presented. **President:** To be detailed. **Members:** An officer to be detailed by CO HK Regt. An officer to be detailed by CO HKAAF.

Force Headquarters

Int Platoon.—Tuesday, January 11, 1955. HQ RHKDF 5.30 p.m. Dress: Plain clothes. Wednesday, January 12, 1955. RV 8.15 a.m. at MPG for Lyemun. Dress: Uniform.

Recce Platoon.—Sunday, January 9, 1955. Shooting on Stonecutters Island. Parade 8.15 a.m. Blake Pier. Dress: Battle Dress. Thursday, January 13, 1955. Weapon Training. Parade MPG 5.30 p.m. Dress: Overalls and Berets.

Artillery Battery. Field Troop.—Advanced Class. Friday, January 14, 1955. 5.30 p.m. HQ RHKDF. Plain clothes. TARA III Class. Friday, January 14, 1955. 5.30 p.m. HQ RHKDF. Plain clothes. Signallers. Monday, January 10, 1955. 5.30 p.m. Signals Hut MPG. Plain clothes. C & R Troop. Saturday and Sunday, January 8/9, 1955. Parade as ordered. Monday, January 10, 1955. No parade.

Hongkong Regiment

Training. — "A" Coy. Tuesday, January 11, 1955. Rifle Drill. WT—Rifle. RV MPG for RHQ 5 p.m. Dress: Overalls, Anklets, Khaki Beret, Web Belt, Rifle Sling, Bayonet Frog. Note:—Plain clothes may be worn to travel, but dress for trg as above. "B" Coy. Monday, January 10, 1955, drill with and without rifles. RV MPG for RHQ 5 p.m. Dress: B.D. and Drill Order i.e. Belt, Anklets, Rifle Sling and Bayonet Frog. "C" Coy — Tuesday, January 11, 1955. .22 Range, Rifle and LMG Revision. RV MPG for RHQ 5.15 p.m. Dress: Clean fatigue, Web Belt, Bayonet Frog, Pouches and Shoulder Straps. "D" Coy—Wednesday, January 12, 1955. Rifle Drill and Weapon Trg. RV MPG at 5.20 p.m. for RHQ. Dress: Drill Order, Rifle Slings. Depot—Monday, January 10, 1955. Foot Drill, Rifle Introduction. RV MPG for RHQ 5.15 p.m. Dress: Boots, Anklets, Overalls, Khaki Berets, Web Belt. Sp Coy. MMG Pl. As ordered by Pl Comd. Mor Pl. As ordered by Pl Comd. HQ Coy Signal Pl—Wednesday, January 12, 1955. "The Sig Pl" — "A" Sec. .22 Range—"B" Sec. RV MPG at 5.30 p.m. — "A" Sec. RHQ at 5.30 p.m.—"B" Sec. Dress: Plain clothes—"A" Sec. B.D. with shoes —"B" Sec. MT Pl — Wednesday, January 12, 1955. MT Cadre. RV MPG for RHQ at 5.15 p.m. Dress: B.D. Boots, Anklets, Web Belt. Thursday, January 13, 1955. MC Cadre. RV RHQ at 5.30 p.m. Dress: As for MT Cadre. Int Sec—Monday, January 10, 1955. Lecture. RV RHQ at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Plain clothes. Med Sec — Wednesday, January 12, 1955. Lecture. RV RHQ 5.30 p.m. Dress: Plain clothes. Cooks — Wednesday, January 12, 1955. As notified. Band & Corps of Drums—Monday, January 10, 1955 — Corps of Drums only. Programme as ordered. RV 10.30 a.m. at RHQ. Dress: B.D. White Belt, Gaiters. Wednesday, January 12, 1955. Programme as ordered. RV 11 a.m. at RHQ. Dress: B.D. White Belt, Gaiters. Friday, January 14, 1955—Band only and detailed personnel of Drums. Classical Rehearsal and Individual lessons. Dress: B.D, White Belt. No Gaiters.

Home Guard

Training. — Thursday, January 13, 1955. Foot and Arms Drill: RV MPG 5.20 p.m. for HQ RHKDF. Dress: Overalls, belt, frog, berets, boots.

Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force

Trade Training. Clerk G.D. — Saturday, January 8, 1955—All personnel — HKAAF Hangar — 12.00 hrs training. Sunday, January 9, 1955—All personnel—HKAAF Hangar—Full days training. Tuesday, January 11, 1955—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Clerks P.A. Tuesday, January 4, 1955 — HQ RHKDF — 5.30 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.15 p.m. Saturday, January 8, 1955—All personnel—HKAAF Hangar—12.00 hrs training. Sunday, January 9, 1955 — All personnel—HKAAF Hangar—Full days training. Tuesday, January 11, 1955 — HQ RHKDF—5.30 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.15 p.m. Wireless Operators Elementary. Tuesday, January 4, 1955—As detailed—Kai Tak—5.30 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road [illegible] [illegible] Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.15 p.m. Wireless Operators Advanced. Tuesday, January 4, 1955—As detailed — Air HQ — 5.30 p.m. Tuesday, January 4, 1955—As detailed — HKAAF Hangar — 5.30 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.30 p.m. Saturday, January 8, 1955 —All personnel — HKAAF Hangar—12.00 hrs training. Sunday, January 9, 1955—All personnel—HKAAF Hangar — Full days training. Tuesday, January 11, 1955 — As detailed — Air HQ—5.30 p.m. As detailed—Flying Wing Kai Tak—5.30 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.30 p.m. Equipment Assistants. Saturday, January 8, 1955 — All personnel—HKAAF Hangar 12.00 hrs training. Sunday, January 9, 1955—All personnel — HKAAF Hangar — Full days training. Tuesday, January 11, 1955 —HKAAF Hangar — All personnel—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Nursing Orderlies. Saturday, January 8, 1955—All personnel — HKAAF Hangar — 12.00 hrs training. Sunday, January 9, 1955—All personnel—HKAAF Hangar—Full days training. Wednesday, January 12, 1955—Windsor House—5.15 p.m. —Ft/Lt S.S. Ramler, M.T. Section. Saturday, January 8, 1955—All personnel — HKAAF Hangar — 12.00 hrs training. Sunday, January 9, 1955—All personnel—HKAAF Hangar—Full days training. G.C.I. Teams. Saturday, January 8, 1955—All personnel —HKAAF Hangar—12.00 hrs training. Sunday, January 9, 1955—All personnel — HKAAF Hangar — Full days training. Fighter Plotters. Saturday, January 8, 1955 — All personnel — HKAAF Hangar — 12.00 hrs training. Sunday, January 9, 1955—All personnel — HKAAF Hangar — Full days training. A.T.C. Saturday, January 8, 1955 — All personnel — HKAAF Hangar—12.00 hrs training. Sunday, January 9, 1955 — All personnel — HKAAF Hangar—Full days training. Auxiliary Police. Saturday, January 8, 1955 — All personnel — HKAAF Hangar—12.00 hrs training. Sunday, January 9, 1955 — All personnel — HKAAF Hangar — Full days training. Tuesday, January 11, 1955—HQ No. 34 RAF Police District—5.45 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Groundcrew. Thursday, January 6, 1955 — HKAAF Hangar 6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Saturday, January 8, 1955—All personnel —HKAAF Hangar—12.00 hrs training. Sunday, January 9, 1955—All personnel — HKAAF Hangar — Full days training.

Flying Programme. — Thursday, January 6, 1955 — All Pilots — HQ RHKDF—5.45 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Saturday, January 8, 1955—All personnel — HKAAF Hangar—12.00 hrs training. Sunday, January 9, 1955—All personnel—HKAAF Hangar—Full days training.

Hongkong Women's Auxiliary Army Corps

Training. — Wednesday, January 12, 1955—All personnel parade 5.30 p.m. MPG for HQ RHKDF. Dress: [illegible]

ARMY HOCKEY SELECTIONS

The following players are selected to represent the Army teams in the HKHA Civilian League this Sunday: Army 'A' v Recreio 'A' at Sookunpoo Bully Off at 4 p.m. Lt Loxall, WOII Taylor, Sgt Peberdy, WOII Bowell, WOII Petters (Captain), S/Sgt Forde, Bdsm Felton, Tpr Martin, SQMS Allison, Sgt Smith, and 2/Lt Scoones. Reserve—Cfn Cox.

Army 'B' v Dutch at Sookunpoo, Bully Off 2.30 p.m. Sgt Tribe, WOI Richardson, Sgt Crossey, 2/Lt Eardley, Lt Reay (Captain), Cpl Beith, Cpl Hall, Cfn McMahon, Lt Lacey, Bdsm Surridge and Bdsm Walden. Reserve—2/Lt Lindars.

SCORPIONS' XI

HKCC Scorpions v Army South at Sookunpoo tomorrow: I. L. Stanton, T. A. Pearce, D. W. Leach, T. G. [illegible] Knight, F. A. Weller, [illegible] R. J. C. Howitt, J. Chapham, M. [illegible] Hardingham, [illegible] Kemp, L. C. Kew. Umpires: P. T. Hart. Scorer: Mrs Knight.

KEN SMITH'S

End-Of-Term Report

Join me today in reminiscing. Let's look back over 1954 and give you the opportunity to throw the brickbats—and the bouquets.

JANUARY—The Woolf brothers to produce Monsarrat's *Esther Costello* with Jean Simmons or Elizabeth Taylor as Esther and Joan Crawford or Bette Davis as the woman who adopts her.

Woolfs have still not received the finished script and shooting has been delayed until next year. They still hope the cast will come from the above-mentioned.

Rosemary Clooney to head a Palladium bill.

Film commitments and her marriage to Jose Ferrer prevented this, but the newlyweds tell me: "We're both keeping our fingers crossed that we can do it in 1955."

No. 1 attractions

FEBRUARY—Katharine Hepburn to star in *Summertime* for David Lean; Deborah Kerr to return to England to film Graham Greene's best-seller *The End of the Affair*, with Van Johnson and John Mills.

Both films are now completed and should be No. 1 attractions in the New Year.

Joe Louis, the ex-world heavyweight boxing champion, to stage a "come-back," but this time on the British stage in the square ring.

Said Producer Wildberg: "I'll make an actor out of Joe whether I have to wait a month, six months or a year."

Well, he can give up. The necessary support was not forthcoming and Joe changed his mind.

MARCH — Preston Sturges, 55-year-old writer-director-producer, will produce Bernard Shaw's *The Millionairess*, with Katharine Hepburn in the role she played on the stage in London and New York.

Distribution difficulties and high production costs made this a pipe dream.

Henry Sherek to bedeck Shaw's 40-year-old classical comedy *Pygmalion*, with songs and dances as a stage vehicle for Margaret Lockwood and George Sanders from a book by Sandy (*The Boy Friend*) Wilson.

Shaw stopped rotating in his grave when this one fell down, but the great man can start all over again with the news that Broadway plans the same thing with our old friend Dolores Gray as Eliza.

Half right

APRIL—Olivier to return to the screen for Korda to co-star with his wife in a hush-hush subject.

We were only half right here. He did for Richard III, but there was no role for Vivien Leigh. She is to film The Deep Blue Sea *for Korda with* Kenneth More *as her co-star.*

Olivier and Leigh to play the Memorial Theatre, Stratford, next year in *Macbeth* and *Twelfth Night*.

Announced last month.

MAY—Ann Todd to make her first appearance at the Old Vic in *Taming of the Shrew* and *Macbeth*.

She is still doing precisely that.

JUNE—Otherwise engaged on board the yacht Flamingo with all the adventures usually found in a bad American picture.

JULY—Jean Carson, the frail 5ft. 2in. lass from Pudsey, to sign a 4-pictures-in-3-years contract with independent producer Raymond Stross.

The first, As Long as They're Happy, *with Jack Buchanan, is now in the cutting room. She starts on the second next month.*

Locked in

AUGUST—Sir Laurence Olivier to team with three other actor knights, Gielgud, Richardson and Hardwicke, in a cast including Claire Bloom, Stanley Baker, John Mills, Richard Attenborough and Pamela Brown.

After location shooting in Spain, Olivier is completing Richard III behind locked doors, at Shepperton.

OCTOBER—Glynis Johns to star opposite Danny Kaye in Hollywood in *The Court Jester*.

With the film nearly completed Glynis sends seasonal greetings from the film capital.

NOVEMBER — Hospitalised away from the bright lights.

DECEMBER—Mary Ure, lovely stage newcomer, to sign with Korda, Kay Kendall offered the role opposite Dirk Bogarde in *Doctor At Sea*.

Last week Mary signed. Her first role? None But the Brave, *a remake of* The Four Feathers.

Kay turned it down. Result—suspension. But don't worry unduly. This lovely talented lady is too important to be away from the screen for long.

FAR EAST FLEET RIFLE MEETING

The Fleet Rifle Meeting is now taking place at Stonecutters Rifle Range with units from practically every ship and establishment participating.

Mrs Gladstone, the wife of Rear Admiral G. V. Gladstone, Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station will present prizes at 3 p.m. today.

Results and prizewinners will be announced at the Prize giving.

Charlton Enter The New Year With A Financial Crisis

By BOB PENNINGTON

Charlton enter 1955 with a financial crisis that could make this their last season at The Valley, their ground in London, S.E.

Attendances have fallen below the danger mark despite the fact that Charlton are well in the Championship hunt.

Charlton need an average gate of 26,000 to break even. This season's average is 23,000—2,000 less than last season. Last season was 3,000 down on the previous year.

Manager Jimmy Seed, who has built the youngest, cheapest, and finest team in Charlton's history, bitterly admits: "Unless our pathetic gates improve, this could be our last season at The Valley.

"In the past two seasons we have been recommended to move to Mitcham, Slough, and Dagenham—areas where there is the population and the demand for First Division football.

"We have held on and kept going by selling John Evans and Frank Lock to Liverpool at Christmas, 1953 (around £20,000) and Charlie Vaughan to Portsmouth the previous season (£12,500).

"Already we have lost nearly £4,000 this season and must sell again ... sell our only assets, players, without seriously weakening our team.

"We have made history by advertising our first-class fixtures on every railway station in London and Kent.

"We have had magnificent co-operation from British Railways and the London Transport Executive with regard to excursion trains and special buses. There is room for 80,000 fans. [illegible]

WHAT IS THE USE [illegible]

[illegible] 16,491 (v. Bolton), and 17,786 (v. Sheffield Wednesday on Christmas Day)?

"Attendances boomed all over the country on Boxing Day. Everton drew 75,000, Chelsea 66,000, and Third Division Leyton Orient 25,000.

"Leicester, second from the bottom, had 39,000 while at Sheffield there were 43,000 to see us play bottom-of-the-table Wednesday.

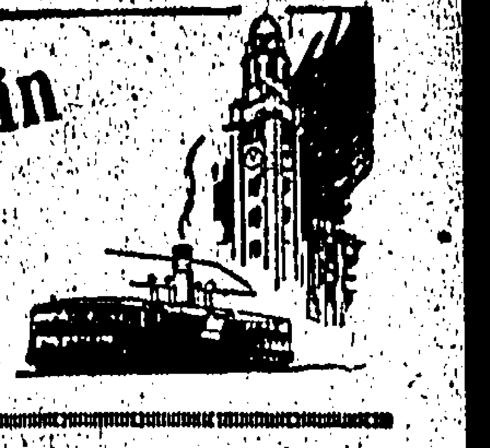
"Chelsea's 66,000 was 14,000 more than The Valley has held for our last three home matches.

"Chelsea, Arsenal, and Spurs have had a waiting list for season tickets. Despite advertising we have sold only 523 leaving 3,000 seats that are never taken.

"It is unfair to expect directors to subsidise a club out of their own pockets, and it would be unwise to invest money in our planned new stand until we are sure there is a future at The Valley.

"After all, Arsenal had to move from Woolwich to Highbury before they could draw the crowds. The next few weeks will decide whether we shall have to do a similar thing."

Charlton could find a ready-made ground at Mitcham Stadium, opposite the Tooting and Mitcham Athenian League [illegible]



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U.S. Senate May Investigate Boxing

Washington, Jan. 6.

Senator Warren Magnuson, new Democrat Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, today warned boxing racketeers there was "a strong possibility" that his committee would conduct hearings on the sport this year.

Senator Magnuson told reporters that Senators Estes Kefauver, Democrat Chairman of the Senate's Crime Investigating Committee, two years ago had urged him to consider an investigation on boxing by his Committee.

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COMBINED RAF-RN v ARMY.

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Royal Navy and RAF XI against the Army in the final match of the Triangular Cricket series. The game is scheduled to commence at the HKCC ground Chater Road at 11 a.m. on Wednesday Jan. 12:

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The following have been selected to play for the Army: Major P. J. Chubb (Captain), Major P. J. Howard, [illegible]

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DEATHS

LAW—Dr. Edward Law, beloved husband of Phyllis, passed away at Queen Mary Hospital on January 7, 1955. Age 66. Funeral will leave Hongkong Funeral Home at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday, January 8 for Chinese Christian Cemetery, Fokfulam. No flowers by request.

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Canada Worried Over Disposal Of U.S. Farm Surplus

Washington, Jan. 6.

Canada today expressed its deep concern over United States disposal of surplus farm products on the world market, and trading policies through a special mission of three senior statesmen, who paid a personal visit to Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State.

The Canadian statesmen were Mr C. D. Howe, Minister for Trade and Commerce, Mr Lester Pearson, Minister for External Affairs, and Mr Walter Harris, Finance Minister.

This strong concern is believed to have stemmed from fear that United States surpluses would disrupt world markets and also that the United States was attempting to raise trade barriers against imports of farm produce in negotiations in Geneva on the General Agreements on Trade and Tariffs.

Also present at today's meeting were high officials of the United States Agriculture and Commerce Departments. The Secretaries for those Departments were expected to attend if their duties permitted them today.

Canada's worry over the GATT negotiations was believed to have resulted from United States attempts to amend GATT rules so that it could impose further quantitative restrictions on imports of agricultural goods. —Reuter.

Duke Of Windsor Holidaying In Florida

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 6.

The Duke of Windsor arrived here today without his Duchess for a week of shooting and golf in the North Florida Piney Woods.

He is the guest of Mrs George F. Baker on her famous "horseshoe" plantation, 12 miles north of here. Mrs Baker said the Duke would make a quick trip to New York late next week and return with his Duchess on January 20.

She said the Duke donned hunting clothes as soon as he arrived and headed into the heavy woods of the 13,000-acre plantation for a quail shoot.

The Duke was accompanied by Mr Charles Cushing and Mrs Byrnes MacDonald of New York. —United Press.

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JUDO MAKING A COMEBACK IN POPULARITY

Tokyo, Jan. 6.

An armed burglar recently broke into a Tokyo hotel. He was discovered by an hotel employee. The employee gripped the burglar's neck.

When the burglar woke up his hands were tied behind his back.

A man who tried to assault a young woman in one of Tokyo's many dark lanes landed on his back with a broken wrist.

These are two examples of what can happen to the unwary who cross swords with a ju-jutsu expert.

Judo, as it is now called in Japan, has a long history. It has had many names and has undergone many changes.

NOW RETURNING

It is now returning in its home country, to prewar popularity, after an early postwar setback.

In feudal Japan, when there was a strict division of classes, no one below the rank of samurai (warrior) was allowed to carry a sword.

The country side was infested with thieves, however. Merchants and other travellers had to find some means of defending themselves. From this necessity were born several systems of unarmed combat methods grouped under the name of ju-jutsu.

Numerous ju-jutsu schools grew up during the 17th and 18th centuries. The main purpose of the schools was to teach their students how to kill, or seriously injure, their opponents with their bare hands and feet. Quite often, students did not survive their training.

During the closing years of the last century, Mr Jigoro Kano, a ju-jutsu expert, combined the best features of all the old schools, and developed a more refined style of wrestling which he called judo, the name now commonly used in Japan.

Various holds and throws, which are considered too dangerous or rough, are not used in judo matches, although they may be taught at schools.

Before World War II, judo was taught in most schools and Universities, and was part of military and police training. Because of its "martial character," the Occupation authorities banned it from the school curriculum.

After the war, lack of money and high prices left little to spare for such "luxuries" as private judo lessons. As a result, many judo schools closed down.

14,000 PUPILS

Kodokan, the leading school in Japan, founded by Mr Kano, carried on for some time with more instructors than pupils. Before the war, it had 14,000 pupils. In 1946, one year after the surrender, the number had decreased to 2,633.

Although the Occupation authorities disapproved of judo, numbers of Allied servicemen started learning the art and Kodokan and a few other schools were able to survive during the immediate postwar years.

Today, an average of 26,800 pupils a year enter at the schools. This compares with the pre-war highest figure of 14,230, in 1939. There are now about 250,000 rank holders.

One of the big issues between experts is judo "professional" or amateur sport?

As far as most Japanese are concerned judo is an amateur sport, because the Japan Judo Federation is a member of the Japan Athletic Association, the country's amateur sports authority.

PAID TEACHERS

However, many judo experts are paid for teaching at police stations and in schools and Universities.

The authorities concerned have ruled that judo instructors in police stations are professionals, but instructors in schools are amateurs—a ruling which has puzzled even the judo experts.—China Mail Special.

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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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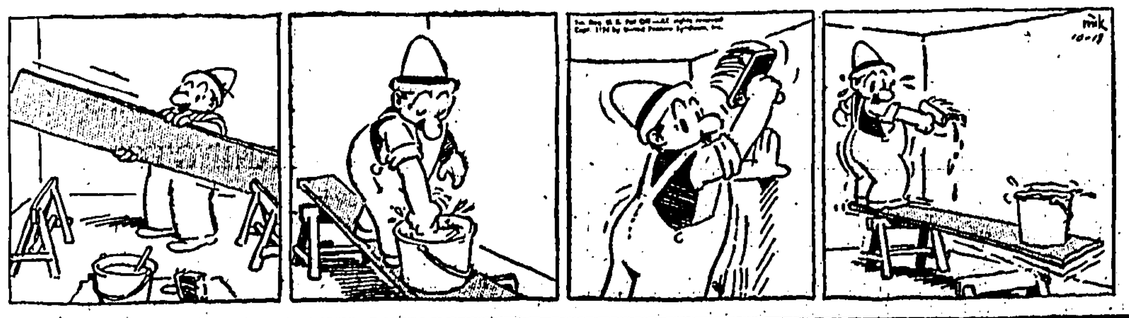

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Oil Search In Algerian Sahara

London, Jan. 6.

Sweeping back from the Mediterranean coast of Algeria lies a vast expanse of sand, plentifully besprinkled with black pebbles. Vast is indeed the right description for this wilderness — the Algerian Sahara—for it covers more than a million square miles.

For the camel caravans which have plodded across parts of it since time immemorial, it represents a nightmare journey of about three months. Until recently, a journey was endangered not only by the natural hazards of the desert but by the maurading Tuareg bands. This fierce race of nomad warriors formed the chief 'resident population' of the great sand tract—and even they failed to penetrate much of its desolation.

But today, the Algerian Sahara is being invaded on scientific lines in the quest for oil. Surveys have been made, and now test drilling in some of the "hopeful" areas is about to start.

TOO EARLY

Is oil likely to be found in the Sahara in any quantity?

As yet it is too early to forecast. Such a project is always a long-term venture, and in this particular case the huge territory to be investigated and the nature of the country make the search a hard one.

But while the region's oil potentialities—if any—indeed exist, definite hope to be entertained for some considerable time, one thing is morally certain. We shall not, as in the days of treasure-seeking caravans, be attacked by desert marauders or ambushed by the bands of modern bandits, the

The atmospheric distillation area, the heart of the Kwinana oil refinery, with the 200ft. tower of the catalytic cracking plant out-reaching its neighbours. Australian Official Photograph.

Australia's Biggest Oil Refinery Takes Shape

By Robert Boyle

An industrial giant is stirring on the shores of Cockburn Sound, 17 miles south of Fremantle, Western Australia. Before much of 1955 is past it will awake to roaring productivity with galvanic effect on the economy of Western Australia and benefit to the nation.

This giant is the £40,000,000 Kwinana oil refinery, which is now in an advanced stage of construction. It will produce annually about 2,800,000 tons of refined petroleum products from an intake of 3,000,000 tons of Middle East crude oil.

Already the refinery has bestowed economic largesse on Australia. When its total cost of £40,000,000 has been paid, it is estimated that about £21,000,000 will have been spent in Australia.

Nearly a quarter of the estimated cost of £40,000,000 will be represented by wages paid in Western Australia. The labour force employed on the construction of the refinery now numbers more than 3,000. Contrary to expectations, of this figure fewer than 200 skilled tradesmen have had to be brought from overseas. The permanent establishment will be about 1,000.

The advent of such an important industry is setting off on the shores of Cockburn Sound an era of unprecedented industrial expansion. Already on a site adjacent to the refinery, work is progressing on a £3,000,000 sheet metal rolling mill for one of Australia's greatest industrial concerns, Broken Hill Proprietary Limited. A £2,000,000 cement works is being built by the Cockburn Cement Pty Ltd only a mile or two away from the refinery.

The 3,000,000 tons of crude oil to be refined yearly are expected to meet in Australia the requirements of The Commonwealth Oil Refineries Ltd, as well as providing bunkering oil for ships and the needs of B.P. New Zealand. The Commonwealth Oil Refineries Ltd now wholly owned by Anglo-Iranian operates Laverton refinery in Victoria but it supplies only 120,000 tons of Australia's present yearly requirements of 5,500,000 tons of oil products. The cessation of operations at Abadan resulted immediately in the uneconomic transport of oil from the Western Hemisphere with consequent dollar expenditure.

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Australasian Petroleum Refinery Ltd, an associate of Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. Ltd, was formed to own and operate the refinery in Western Australia, where its management is now located. Experts from England, helped considerably by Western Australian authorities, chose the 950-acre site of Kwinana over a number of offering throughout Australia. A rail link to Fremantle is being pushed through and the existing excellent road connections will be supplemented by a new "autobahn-type" highway.

Crude oil from the Middle East will be refined at Kwinana and the products for Western Australia will be pipelined to Fremantle, the remainder being shipped by tanker to the Eastern States and New Zealand.

What effect the finding of oil in commercial quantities in the northwest of Western Australia would have on the Kwinana refinery is not known. A pipeline could be laid from the site of the oil discovery to Kwinana, which is a distance of 800 miles.

The Kwinana site was considered almost perfect. It consisted of a large area of flat land, covered only by the lightest of coastal scrub, well above sea level and having excellent load-bearing qualities. It is immediately adjacent to the sea, with deep water close inshore.

The whole magnificent stretch of 17,000 acres forming Cockburn Sound is virtually landlocked. It offers splendid facilities for manoeuvring at any state of the tides the giant 28,000 and 32,000-ton tankers which will berth at the oil port.

In the port, the construction of the big jetty is well under way. It will be capable of accommodating simultaneously three of the 32,000 ton deadweight tankers of the British Tanker Company, Anglo-Iranian's shipping organisation. These ships are comparable in size with oversea mail liners. The company operates one of the largest privately-owned tanker fleets in the world.

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The approaches to Cockburn Sound are being dredged to accommodate these "monster" tankers. The Parmelia and Success Banks, which extend almost at right angles from the coast between Fremantle and Woodman Point five miles south, at present block the way to the new jetty. A Dutch dredging firm, the Hollandse Aanneming Maatschappij, has undertaken a £2,000,000 contract with the State Government to provide access.

One of the first big construction works on the giant refinery site, a rubble service jetty 60ft. wide, 10ft. above low water level and extending 550ft. out into the Sound, had to be built first.

Directly behind the jetty, a couple of hundred yards from the beach, a casting yard was constructed to pre-cast all the concrete units needed for the permanent jetty as well as treating the steel piles which range from 40ft to 100ft in length.

The entire site has been enclosed in an open-mesh wire fence four miles in length. A minimum of clearing was done in order to minimise the dust nuisance.

Construction offices had to be erected for construction staff and representatives of Australasian Petroleum Refinery Ltd. With the completion of the process and maintenance office, the registered headquarters of the company has been transferred from Perth to Kwinana.

Other buildings completed or nearing completion include the Red Cross centre, fire station, a big laboratory, an imposing administrative block and a canteen and wash and change house. They are all of modern design and most attractive in appearance.

Nine miles of roads in the main refinery site have been laid out and constructed by the Main Roads Department of Western Australia, forming a definite pattern on the flat terrain.

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According to estimated market requirements, the principal products of a year's refining will be 660,000 tons of motor spirit, 1,550,000 tons of fuel oil, 240,000 tons of diesel oil, 200,000 tons of gas oil, 60,000 tons of aviation turbine fuel for jet aircraft and 80,000 tons of tractor vaporising oil.

At the request of the State Government a bitumen plant is being erected which will have an annual capacity of 20,000 tons.

The big percentage of fuel oil is accounted for by the fact that Fremantle is one of the world's busiest bunkering ports. With all this, the plant allows flexibility in meeting seasonal and varying demands for light and heavy oils.

Kwinana will be an original. It will not be a copy of any of the many refineries operated throughout the world by the Anglo-Iranian group since it is being developed to produce a specific range and quality of petroleum products to suit the particular market demands of the Australasian area. It is no exaggeration to say that Western Australia will have the most modern refinery in the world.

Altogether there will be more than 100 tanks in the refinery, of which 30 will be process tanks. The remainder will be for refined products, excepting those for crude storage. Each of these "crude oil tanks" will hold 5,500,000 gallons, or roughly 20,000 tons a tank.

Medina townsite, the nucleus of a city which may in a few years become the biggest in Western Australia outside Perth, has been laid out in an area of well-wooded, rolling sandstone ridges, about 2½ miles east of the refinery.

The State Government took charge of its planning and undertook to provide 1,000 houses for the oil company within three years. Because it is not the policy of the refinery to create an "oil town" the houses are erected not in a solid block, but scattered among the trees which, as far as possible in the clearing operations, were left standing. The other building sites will be taken up by people not connected with the refinery.

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A measure of the expected growth of the town is provided by the fact that wherever a refinery has been built by the Anglo-Iranian organisation, the population of the nearest town has practically doubled itself in 10 years—mainly as a result of the numerous subsidiary industries attracted by the refinery.

Anglo-Iranian, which will send supplies of crude oil from wells in Kuwait on the Persian Gulf, has been most active in the search for new sources of crude oil in Australian territories. With Australian and American partners, Anglo-Iranian formed in 1938 Australian Petroleum Co. Pty Ltd. which, in recent years, has explored much of the south of Papua.

More than one overseas community has received a shot in the arm and has enjoyed greater prosperity and security through the establishment of so large a refinery in its territory. At Kwinana, named after a ship which drifted onto the beach one stormy night in 1920 and has lain there derelict ever since, nature has provided a magnificent site on Cockburn Sound which was called by Captain Stirling the finest anchorage on the whole West Australian coastline. Australians are transforming the site with energy and enthusiasm; the experience and organising genius of a great international firm will bring in the vital flow of oil. No-one can entertain any doubt about the final result for Australia.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

SHARES AT PEAK LEVELS

Prices Advance On Hongkong Stock Exchange

By A Special Correspondent

The Hongkong Stock Exchange continued its advance after the Christmas and New Year holidays and with an apparent abundance of money for investment in the Colony, a number of shares moved to peak levels.

Yesterday, business exceeded $3,100,000 although there was no significant movement in share prices.

The main features of the new upswing in prices after Christmas were:

- the marked rise in most utilities which sent most shares of this group to their highest levels for years;
- the sudden spurt made by Wheelocks;
- the continued improvement of rubber shares;
- a new improvement in price of Cement shares.

The rise in utilities: Trams, Yaumatis, Lights, Electrics and Telephones all made significant advances over the period. The rises ranged from $3¾ in the case of Telephones and $6 in the case of Yaumatis to 60 cents in Lights.

IDLE MONEY

Brokers say that the apparent abundance of idle money in the Colony has assisted the demand for shares. Profit-taking appeared in the market on Wednesday and again yesterday but the fractional losses were quickly wiped out as new buyers made their bids.

The market appears to be steady at the moment and it is difficult to predict any future trend in the case of Utilities. Clearly they are ripe for profit-taking but as long as the investment demand continues, prices are not likely to fall appreciably.

In the case of Wheelocks these shares made a sudden rise of 30 cents just before New Year when it was apparently felt that the improvement in shipping rates would lead to an increase or, at least, the chance of an increase in remittances to the company from Japan.

GAS CO. BOARD

Following publication of the new Board of Directors of the Hongkong and China Gas Company in yesterday's "Post" there is renewed interest in the shares and there is a general belief in the market that Wheelocks will now manage the Gas company itself—certainly for the time being at any rate. There are many rumours circulating about the company's intentions but until the company makes a statement—which I feel they should in the public interest—I do not propose to say anything further.

Rubber shares have done fairly well. Their rise on the whole has been modest, Amalgamateds rising from $1.50 to $1.65 and Trusts from $2.35 to $2.525. They have been following the rise in the raw material price in Singapore which was recorded yesterday as 94¾ Singapore cents a pound compared with 87-11/16 three weeks ago.

CEMENTS RISE

In the case of Cements, there has been a new rise from $39½ to $42 which, by the way, is more than double the peak price for 1953! The talk is—or rather I should say the fervent hope is—that the company may announce a bonus shortly. There is a suspicion in Ice House Street that the company was involved in a recent land deal but there is as yet no confirmation of the reports.

In other sections of the market, Lands have improved slightly, now standing at $71½ compared with $67 three weeks ago. Wharves are a fraction easier, while Docks and Providents show a small rise.

Banks are keeping up remarkably well at high levels although they have fallen some $25 since the pre-Christmas period. Unions have also suffered a slight decline but were quoted at about $909 yesterday.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Jan. 7.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Jan. 6 Closing	Jan. 7 Opening
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate ...	33s 3d	33s 3d
Consolidated Tin Smelters. Ordinary issue	27s 3d	27s 3d
Fraser and Neave Ltd. Ordinary issue	$1.97	$1.97
Fraser and Neave Ltd. 7½% cum. pref.	$6.00	$6.00
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation (Colonial Register)	$1045	$1045
Malayan Breweries	$4.02	$4.02
Raffles Hotel	$2.72	$2.72
Singapore Cold Storage	$1.90	$1.90
South British Insurance	$26.25	$26.25
Straits Trading	$24.90	$24.90
Straits Steamship ...	$17.20	$17.20
United Engineers, Ordinary issue ...	$13.20	$13.20
Wearne Brothers ...	$2.85	$2.85
Hongkong Tin	8s 3d	8s 3d
Petaling Tin	$3.45	$3.45

—China Mail Special.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Jan. 6.

Canada		$1.03⅛
England—official		2.78 23/32
" unofficial		2.67-2.69
" 30-day futures..		2.78 11/16
" 90-day futures..		2.78 9/16
Canadian dollar rate:	Buyers	Sellers
Spots: close ..	$1.03 19/32	$1.03⅝
high ...	1.03 19/32	1.03⅝
low ...	1.03 9/16	1.03 19/32
Future: 30-day	1.03 17/32	1.03 19/32
90-day	1.03 14/32	1.03½
6-month	1.03⅛	1.03 11/32

—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Jan. 6.

New York	2.78 [illegible]-2.78⅞
Montreal	[illegible]
Copenhagen	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	[illegible]
West Marks	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

(From Our Correspondent)

Noon quotations on the Hongkong Stock Exchange and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank ...	1990		20 @ 1975
INSURANCES			
Union	910	912½	58 @ 910
Underwriters	9.80		
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav. ...	73c.		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf ...	82½		400 @ 83
			100 @ 83¼
Dock		28.80	
Provident (O)	15.80	15.90	
Wheelock ...	7.40	7.50	2000 @ 7.40
			9000 @ 7.45
			4500 @ 7.50
			3000 @ 7.40
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel ...	15.80	15.80	2500 @ 15.80
HK Land ...	70½	71	1000 @ 71
Humphreys	25.20	25.70	
Realty	2.12½	2.15	19000 @ 2.12½
UTILITIES			
Tram	22½	22½	1000 @ 22.60
			500 @ 22.50
			500 @ 22.40
Star Ferry ..	181	183	
Yaumati Ferry	170	172	800 @ 172
C. Light (O)	18.80	18.90	600 @ 18.80
			100 @ 18.90
C. Light (N)	15.70	15.80	1106 @ 15.70
Electric	39½	40¼	3000 @ 39.75
Telephone ...	35½	36	3400 @ 35.75
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	41.75	42.25	3000 @ 42
			500 @ 42.25
Rope		18.70	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy F. Rts	34.30	34.60	300 @ 34.70
			2100 @ 34.60
			1500 @ 34.50
Rts ...		15.80	175 @ 15.80
Watson		17.80	
L. Crawford	20.70		
COTTONS			
Textile Corp	6.70	6.80	2000 @ 6.75
Nanyang	9.40	9.50	
MISCELLANEOUS			
[illegible]	[illegible]	4.10	2000 @ 4.05
Allied	4.22½	4.40	2000 @ 4.32

RUBBER OUTPUT

[illegible] and Co. Ltd announce the following rubber output for December: Rubber [illegible] 575,000 lbs. [illegible]

Hindenburg's Name To Be Replaced

Bamberg, Bavaria, Jan. 6.

The city administration here has decided to put the name of the former Reich President, Field-Marshal Paul von Hindenburg, back on the plaque in the city hall bearing the names of Bamberg's honorary citizens. It was removed on American order in 1946.

Hindenburg was made an honorary citizen, with Hitler, in 1934. Hindenburg appointed Hitler Reich Chancellor in 1933. —China Mail Special.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Jan. 6.

Cotton futures today closed on higher ground for the first time this week.

Gains proved small and reflected abated hedge selling and liquidation rather than any concerted buying power, dealers said. The market opened up 1 to 3 points. New Orleans closed up 4 to 11 points.

Mill interests, spot firms, and other trade accounts operated on both sides of the market on a limited scale.

The outside speculative talent was too busy following stock market gyrations and reading President Eisenhower's message to Congress on the State of Union.

The slow-down in textile market activity, and evidence that cloth buyers intend to resist any mill attempts to raise prices, cooled recent optimism created by large scales of print cloths and fabrics.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open interest
Mar.	49,800	840,900
May	50,000	1,147,200
July	24,800	609,600
Oct.	9,400	160,200
Dec.	5,300	103,300
Mar.	5,800	50,800
May	1,400	54,200
Total	143,900	2,965,200 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:—

Spot	35.05n
Mar.	34.56-58
May	34.88
July	35.00
Oct.	35.00
Dec.	35.03
Mar.	35.23
May	35.28

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:—

Spot	34.10
Mar.	34.56-57
May	34.80
July	35.04
Oct.	34.97-98
Dec.	35.01
Mar.	35.26
May	35.26

LIVERPOOL

Cotton closings, American middling 15/16 inch, in pence per lb. were as follows:

March/April	32.29
May/June	32.27
July/August	32.16
October/November	32.00
December/January	32.02

Official values for spot cottons include:

American middling 15/16th inch	
American middling S.L. 1⅛th inch	32.83
Mexican middling 1-1/32nd inch	29.73
Egyptian Karnak, good fully..	34.46

SAO PAULO

Prices were not available today.

In the United States, the average price of 15/16 middling at 10 designated spot markets was 34.11 cents. Sales at these centres totalled 36,468 bales.—United Press.

Chicago Grain Prices

Chicago, Jan. 6.

Prices per bushel in cents:

	Closing prices
Wheat, No. 2, red	
Spot	225
Mar. 223(H) 220½(L)	220½
May	225½-⅝
July	218½-¼
Sept.	214¾
Corn, No. 2, yellow	
Spot	159
Mar.	158¼
May	160¼-½
July	160⅜-¼
Sept.	158
Rye	
Mar.	119
May	122-121¾
Oats	
Mar.	75½-¼
May	75¾
Soybeans, No. 2, yellow	
Spot	[illegible]
Jan.	[illegible]
Mar.	[illegible]
May	[illegible]
July	[illegible]
Sept.	[illegible]
Nov.	[illegible]
Barley	
Spot	[illegible]
New York flour	
100 lb. sack	[illegible]

—United Press.

New York Market Has Another Very Hectic Day

New York, Jan. 6.

Wall Street had another hectic day today with almost $2,000,000,000 wiped out in valuations in the most active trading session since Hitler invaded Poland in 1939.

Prices on the "Big Board" moved widely throughout the session. It was a day that tickers were consistently behind floor transaction. The market opened weak, but met some support just before noon. Late in the afternoon a new selling drive developed, pushing prices downward sharply.

Near the close, however, some support developed and a number of issues recovered a good part of their losses.

It was a day in Wall Street with many adverse news developments. The early selling was an extension of yesterday's sharp break which was touched off on the Federal Reserve Board's edict boosting margins to 60 per cent from 50 per cent—a 10 per cent rise.

The market, however, received another jolt at midsession from Wasington. The suggestions by Senators J. William Fulbright and John J. Sparkman to investigate the market because of the recent rise which carried the industrial prices to an all-time high contributed to today's selling.

TRANSACTIONS

Transactions today were the greatest in 15 years. They totalled 5,300,000 shares, the highest since Sept. 5, 1939. Yesterday's sales totalled 4,640,000 shares.

The industrial average today with a loss of 5.35 to 391.89; the rails down 2.25 to 140.31; utilities off 29 cents to 61.75; and general market average fell 1.86 to 145.76.

New York Central, recently acquired by Mr Robert R. Young, led the market in turnover with 114,200 shares changing hands.

Of the 1,281 issues traded today, 592 stocks closed lower, 195 finished higher and 163 held at their previous close. New 1954-55 highs were registered by 11 stocks and nine new lows.

The heavy business today disrupted operations throughout the day.

Transactions at their extremes were reported 13 minutes, behind floor trading.

MAIN GROUP

In the main group, steel shares, with losses ranging to almost three points, made a good late recovery.

Bethlehem Steel closed with a loss of 1.37 to $103.62½.

Aircrafts met support when President Eisenhower emphasised air power and atomic energy in his State of the Union Message. Northrop Aircraft closed with a gain of 1 to $36.50; others, however, failed to do well; but their opening losses cut on the President's message.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $6,300,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 1,300,000 shares.

DOW-JONES AVERAGE

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	391.89
20 rails	140.31
15 utilities	61.75
65 stocks	145.76
40 bonds	102.06
Comm. future price index	170.25

—United Press.

N.Y. STOCK MARKET ENQUIRY

Washington, Jan. 6.

Chairman J. William Fulbright of the Senate Banking Committee said today he plans a committee "study" to determine whether "brakes should be applied" to the booming stock market.

The Arkansas Democrat seconded in the proposal by Sen. John J. Sparkman, another member of the committee.

Senator Fulbright said the point of the inquiry would not be to uncover "any skulldugery," but to determine the economic factors lying behind the boom in the stock market. Economic experts from the investment and Government would be called upon to give their views, he said.

Senator Fulbright said he wants to determine whether this bull market will upset the "objective of keeping the economy stable." He noted that one of the biggest criticisms of the nation's economy in the past has been that it is subject to "wide gyrations" such as around 1929.

The study, Senator Fulbright said, should determine whether steps should be taken to "avoid the extremes of 1929."—United Press.

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Jan. 6.

After opening lower the market steadied on trade covering and further speculative buying. Sellers were reserved. The market closed irregular. Future closings:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	
January	96¼-96½
February	95¾-96¼
March	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb. Jan.	94¼-95¼
No. 3 rubber per lb. Jan.	91¼-92¼
No. 4 rubber per lb. Jan.	91¼-92¼
Spot rubber unbaled	95¼-95¼
Blanket crepe	88¼-89¼
No. 1 pale crepe	99-100

NEW YORK

Futures closed today 95 to 115 points higher with sales of 204 contracts.

The terminal market seesawed over a wide range, but maintained an overtone of firmness in line with the London-Singapore markets.

Shipment offerings were reported in light supply and held at high prices. Fair-sized factory buying developed in the spot market. Reported sales included one sheets at 32½ cents and later at 33 cents; three sheets 32½ cents; four sheets 32¾ cents and four ambers 30 cents, all March shipment landed basis. Spot No. 1 was quoted at 33 cents. Future closings:

Mar.	32.90
May	32.25
July	31.60
Sept.	31.00
Dec.	30.85n

LONDON

The market was steady. Spot was up ½ to 29¼ pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 spot Rss	29¼-29¼
Settlement house term:	
February	29¼-29¼
March	[illegible]
Apr./June	[illegible]
July/Sept.	[illegible]
Oct./Dec.	[illegible]
General markets, cif. basis ports:	
January	[illegible]
February	[illegible]
March	[illegible]
Estate crepe thick	unquoted
Estate crepe thin	[illegible]

AMSTERDAM

The market was firmer after erratic. Closing prices in guilders per kilogram, CIF Jan. were as follows:

No. 1 sheet	[illegible]
No. 2 rubber	[illegible]
No. 3 rubber	[illegible]
No. 1 crepe	[illegible]

—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Jan. 6.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to one point lower with sales of 27 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 1 point higher with sales of 69 contracts.

Mixed dealings between trade interests and commission houses made up the principal activity in both markets.

Future closings:

Contract No. 4 (world)

Mar.	3.17
May	3.18
July	3.18
Sept.	3.18
Spot (cents per lb. fob Cuba)	3.17

Contract No. 6

Mar.	5.44
May	5.50
July	5.50
Sept.	5.54
Nov.	5.54
Spot (cents per lb. cif. NY ex-duty)	5.40

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per $1) [illegible] Indonesian rupiah (per 100) [illegible] [illegible] Indo-China piastre (per 100) [illegible]

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ECAFE Talks Continue At Grantham Training College

The Netherlands delegate to the ECAFE meeting, Dr W. J. Cator, this morning deprecated the fact that while many advocates of free trade professed to agree with its general principles, few had the courage to carry them into practice.

"It is to be regretted that some countries only advocate the necessity of opening the frontiers of other countries to international trade, but they keep their own frontiers well guarded against all foreign imports that perhaps may have adverse effects on some individual interests," he added.

The delegations in the Sub-Committee on Trade of ECAFE in sessions at Grantham Training College continued this morning to present their views on the commercial policies of their respective countries.

The United Kingdom delegate, Mr H. Braham, declared that expansion of world trade as a whole could most readily be brought about by a world-wide multilateral system of trade and payments. The U.K. was opposed to bilateralism, barter deals and quantitative restrictions, and meant to abolish any remnant of these, he stated.

11 PER CENT IN 1953

"In 1953 the U.K. supplied 11 per cent of the region's import requirements valued at £315 million sterling, and took 12 per cent of the region's exports valued at £204 million sterling," said Mr Braham.

"Foreign Trade is essential to the U.K. since on our overcrowded island we can produce only 1/3 to ½ of the food necessary to feed our people. The raw materials needed for our industries we must earn by exporting the products of our labour. It follows that we have the greatest possible interest in an expansion of world trade as a whole.

"We believe that this expansion can most readily be brought about by a world wide multilateral system of trade and payments. Those of you who have followed the recent discussions at the I.M.F. in Washington, and still more recently in Geneva in connection with the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs can be in no doubt that this is the ultimate objective of U.K. policy.

"Unfortunately a number of practical obstacles still lie in the way of the attainment of our goal, and for balance of payments reasons the import of certain goods into the U.K., mainly from the dollar bloc are still restricted; and before each advance we must test out the ground thoroughly. Nevertheless in the recent part we have made a number of significant steps forward.

STRONG DEFICIT

The French delegate Mr A. Vals, said that the exchanges of France with countries of the ECAFE region in 1953 were characterised by a strong deficit. In 1954 there was an improvement and imports from the region were financed by exports to the region. This improvement was due to stable prices.

Mr Vals said that the ECAFE region was important for French economy, France buying mainly raw materials there.

"We could buy even more from the region, but there are difficulties, some of which are due to us and some to the other countries," he added.

Some of the difficulties, continued Mr Vals, were the prices and France would buy more if the prices were at the international level. This applied especially to imports of cotton from Pakistan and rubber from Indonesia.

NO RESTRICTIONS

The French delegate pointed out that his country had no restrictive measures hampering purchase of goods from the area and many countries, like Hongkong, had benefitted by the liberalisation of exchange by the French Government.

As to the export situation, with the exception of Cambodia, Laos and Viet-nam the Far East had constituted a new market for France, said Mr Vals. The French Government made a considerable effort soon after the last world war to improve the structure of exchange. France sought to export less luxury goods and to increase its export of consumption goods and capital equipment and agricultural goods.

France believed in free trade, but certain conditions were indispensable to free trade, one of which was the convertibility of exchange, said Mr Vals.

Referring to agreements his country concluded with Indonesia, Mr Vals said that it was France's desire to co-operate and to equip the ECAFE regions and to grant them technical co-operation and assistance. The talks with Cambodia and Vietnam taking place in Paris were of importance to the trade policies of these countries and of the Far East in general, he declared.

New Post For Jean Cocteau

Paris, Jan. 5.

Jean Cocteau, once leader of French modernist literature and art, today accepted candidature for the Academie Francaise, the shrine of French classicism.

The poet, now 66, whose films —Grihee, La Belle et la Bete, Les Parents Terribles—gave him international fame, said he only accepted when he heard that the writers, Andre Malraux and Henry de Montherlant, were not competing.

The seat he hopes to fill is that of the writer Jerome Tharaud, who died in 1952.—China Mail Special.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"Just think, dear! Pretty soon he'll be able to say 'grandma' and 'grandpa'!"

Katchen's Second Recital —But Not The Last

Great enthusiasm, both from the player and the audience, distinguished Julius Katchen's second recital at the Empire Theatre last night.

From the moment of his striding energetically onto the platform, he infected all his listeners with his joyous and vigorous enthusiasm. He is a pianist who really seems to play because he likes it.

His programme opened with Dame Myra Hess's arrangement of the Bach Chorale, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," always a good beginning. The two pieces which followed constituted the major part of the programme and once more demonstrated Katchen's comprehension of largely and nobly conceived works. Beethoven's last Sonata, Opus 111, is not like any of the other sonatas, but belongs to that late period in Beethoven's compositions where he departed from conventional forms and made his own. It is in two movements only, the first strong and tempestuous, and the second a series of variations on a quiet and gentle theme, the last of which lingers on as if Beethoven had not wished it to end.

Katchen's authoritative interpretation emphasised the differences in mood, from the stormy to the serene, and his scintillating technical command was outstanding once more.

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Brahm's Variations on a Theme of Handel constitute a fine pianistic study of sustained ingenuity. With a simple theme as basis, Brahms has constructed what amounts almost to a series of colossal exercises to show what the piano can do. Though the variations differ much in mood and rhythm there are no difficulties or subtleties of expression involved, and it is rather a question of superb piano-playing in which Katchen is obviously a master. The last few variations build up to a towering climax, which launches us straight away into the Fugue, itself the final and greatest of the variations. Katchen's fine performance of this work was in the best traditions of the supreme virtuosi.

The second half of the programme contained an early work by Mendelssohn, the Andante and Rondo Capriccioso; a short and gentle introduction leads into a light and pleasing fantasy, much in the same cheerful mood as some of the Midsummer Night's Dream music; it was charmingly presented by Katchen. The two final works were by Liszt, a somewhat sinister funeral oration ("Funerailles") and the twelfth Hungarian Rhapsody. The funeral piece invites obvious comparision with Chopin, for whom it may have been written; it is, however, not so serene and solemn, but more dramatic and somehow more final. It was played with great feeling and beauty. The Hungarian Rhaesdy, likes its companions, is a piece of wonderful brilliance, and Katchen gave a grand performance, seeming to have several pairs of hands and arms like some Hindu god. As on the previous night, the audience recalled him to give three encores, the hushed and peaceful "Clair de Lune" of Debussy (what a good sense of contrast Katchen has!), and Chopin's "Winter Wind" Study and Fantasy Impromptu.

During the interval, Mr Harry Odell announced that Mr Katchen had agreed to stay in Hongkong and give a third recital. This will be on Sunday night, January 9, at 9.30 in the Empire Theatre. The programme will be as follows: Sonata in A major K 331 by Mozart; 32 Variations in C minor by Beethoven; Fantasy Op. 17 by Schumann; and after the interval, Cathedrale Engloutie by Debussy; Ostinato and 2 Bulgarian Dances by Bartok; and finally a Chopin group—Scherzo No. 3, Berceuse and Polonaise in A flat.—XX

Contempt Of Court Action Against China Mail

The Full Court this morning granted an application by the Crown for leave to apply for the issue of writs of attachment against the South China Morning Post, Ltd, proprietors of the China Mail, of No. 1-3 Wyndham Street; William Alick Grinham, publisher and printer of the China Mail; and Robin George Hutcheon, editor; for alleged contempt of Court.

The application was made by Mr J. W. D. Hobley, Crown Counsel, on behalf of the Attorney-General.

The Full Court, comprising Mr Justice C. W. Reece and Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, ordered the writs to be returnable at 10 a.m. on February 16. The following day was also fixed for the hearing.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC (instructed by Mr J. R. Oliver of Messrs Deacons), was present in Court to note down the dates for hearing.

Mr Hobley told the Full Court the application was for leave to apply for the issue of writs of attachment against the South China Morning Post, Ltd, William Alick Grinham and Robin George Hutcheon. He said the application was supported by a statement of facts attached to the notice of motion and by an affidavit of Leung Yung-keng (a clerk of the Legal Department).

PRIMA FACIE CASE

"It is the Crown's submission that a prima facie case for the issue of the writs had been made out and that leave should be granted," he said.

Crown Counsel said there was one thing he would like to add, and that was that the action which was the subject matter of the contempt proceedings would be heard by a Jury.

The statement of facts is as follows: "The grounds of application are that the South China Morning Post Ltd, William Alick Grinham and Robin George Hutcheon did on January 6, 1955, publish or cause to be published in the newspaper China Mail, items, particulars whereof are specified in the affidavit of Leung Yung-keng, the said items being in contempt of Court, being calculated to interfere with the due course of justice in the case of Joseph Leslie Quie vs. Dr Pow-meng Yap, Dr S. H. Moore and Prof. A.J.S. McFadzean."

Diplomats' Rents In Moscow Slashed

Moscow, Jan. 6.

Foreign diplomats and correspondents living in Moscow were told today that rents for their offices and apartments would be slashed by an average of 15 per cent.

The Burobin Organisation, which deals with matters affecting diplomats, told the British Embassy its total annual rent of nearly one million roubles (about £90,000 at the Soviet fixed rate of exchange) would be cut by 135,000 roubles (£12,000).

The American Embassy received reductions with rent for a home cut by eight per cent and for another building by 30 per cent.—China Mail Special.

PRIEST'S PLEA FOR YOUNG PRISON DESERTER

As Mr Hin-shing Lo was about to pass sentence on Geraldo Gomes, 24, at Central this morning on a charge of desertion from the Prison Department, a Catholic priest spoke up for him and with a whimsical smile said "I'm the guilty one."

Father Des Lauriers, of the Roman Catholic Resettlement Bureau, went on to explain that it was he who told Gomes of the job on board the "Peter Maersk" which resulted in the latter leaving the Prison Department without giving notice.

He said that Gomes, however, did write a letter to the Superintendent of Prisons which he posted on the day following Gomes' departure. He also went to see Mr Norman and explained the matter to him.

FAILED TO REPORT

Det-Sub-Insp. Fergus, who prosecuted, told the Court that defendant failed to report for duty on December 3 last year and was arrested when he returned from Saigon on board the mv Peter Maersk yesterday.

He added that Gomes had a clear record and the shipping company was willing to re-employ him.

The Magistrate said that he had taken Fr. Des Lauriers' mitigation plea into consideration but it was no defence.

"I fine you $200 or six weeks" he said.

"Can you pay?" was the Magistrate's afterthought.

"He can pay," replied Fr. Des Lauriers and reached into his pocket!

Five Children Die In Plane Crash

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Jan. 6.

Eight people, including five school children, were reported killed today when a Saskatchewan Government Airways plane crashed near Buffalo Narrows, 300 miles north-west of here.—Reuter.

Appointments

Mr J. E. Driver and Mr Bernard Mellor have been appointed Unofficial Justices of the Peace, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

It was also notified that H.E. the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has approved the appointment of Miss H. T. Stewart to be an Education Officer (Woman).

Mr K. A. Bidmead has resumed his duties as Deputy Commissioner of Police on return from leave, it was announced.

Rediffusion Service For Un Long

Rediffusion services will be extended to Un Long as from tomorrow evening, it was announced today.

This marks the third step in the extension of programmes by Rediffusion (H.K.) Ltd., to the New Territories. In October the cables were extended to Taun Wan, and in December the programmes reached Sek Kong.

Marksman Who Cheated Suspended For 5 Years

'Harshly Dealt With' He Says

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Jan. 4.

Mr James A. E. Willison shot a rifle competition from 25 yards and returned it as 100 yards. For that he has been suspended for five years.

The National Small Bore Rifle Association, it was revealed last night, have banned him from competition shooting until September 17, 1959.

Mr Willison, 44-year-old chiropodist and a member of Angus and Dundee Home Guard Rifle Club, admits he cheated. But he is angry about the suspension.

"I am mad about shooting," he said at his home in Dundee. "I shall appeal against the suspension.

"I, I am to be suspended for five years for what was just an act of complete foolishness. I will give up shooting altogether.

"On this Sunday last July 3rd my target myself went to Errol's Quarry, Dundee to shoot off the cards for Angus and Dundee against Montrose.

FULL STUFFITY

"I took me half an hour to set up the targets. I had no help.

"First I shot off the 25 yards and 50 yards cards, but I was in a hurry to get away, and instead of shifting the targets again for the 100-yard shoot I shot again from 25 yards.

"I just blasted away haphazardly and it so happened it was a 'possible' (scoring 100) a bit of a miracle in the conditions.

"If I had only thought of the stupidity of it I would never done it as it is entirely foreign to my nature.

"I have so much horror about a thing like that and I was wild against myself. I put myself on the committee's mercy. I hoped I would be given only a severe reprimand or, at the most, suspension for a season.

"Then I was told of this five years ban. I think I have been very harshly dealt with."

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

By Air

Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

By Air

Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 5 p.m.
Formosa & Canada, 6 p.m.
Japan & U.S.A., 6, p.m.

Radio Hongkong

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6.—Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Children's Half Hour "The Water Babies" by Charles Kingsley. Produced by Herbert Smith. Part 2 (BBCTS); 6.30, Popular Song Parade; 6.50, Weather Report; Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.10, Commentary (London Relay) on Special Announcements; 7.15, Agricultural Show. A Talk by Mr W. J. Blackie, Director of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Recorded); 7.30, Viewpoint; A Weekly Magazine devoted to the Arts. Edited and introduced by Janet Tomblin. Readings of Wordsworth by Stephen Murray. "The Great Dan Leno" W. Macqueen-Pope pays a personal tribute to the famous comedian (Recorded from Radio Paris); Farewell—Helen Denell; Ariette—Gabriel Fauré; Pierre Fournier (Cello) and Robert Casadesus (Piano); Short Story, "Superannuated" by Frank Baker; Music Hall Memories—Harry Daniels and Bransby Williams; Poetry Reading by Stephen Murray; Music for Dancing; 8.30, Time Signal and News (London Relay); 8.45, Commentary (London Relay) on Special Announcements; 9.00, Children's Hour "The Water Babies" by Charles Kingsley. Produced by Herbert Smith. Part 2 (BBCTS); 9.30, Popular Song Parade; 9.50, Weather Report; Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 10.10, Commentary (London Relay) on Special Announcements; 10.15, Agricultural Show. A Talk by Mr W. J. Blackie, Director of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Recorded); 10.30, Viewpoint; A Weekly Magazine devoted to the Arts. Edited and introduced by Janet Tomblin. Readings of Wordsworth by Stephen Murray. "The Great Dan Leno" W. Macqueen-Pope pays a personal tribute to the famous comedian (Recorded from Radio Paris); Farewell—Helen Denell; Ariette—Gabriel Fauré; Pierre Fournier (Cello) and Robert Casadesus (Piano); Short Story, "Superannuated" by Frank Baker; Music Hall Memories—Harry Daniels and Bransby Williams; Poetry Reading by Stephen Murray; Music for Dancing; 11.30, Time Signal and News (London Relay); 11.45, Commentary (London Relay) on Special Announcements; 12.00, Close Down.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

10-minute alibi

LAURA looked like one of the thousands of women who, at this season, converge on the West End from the suburbs and the country to do their Christmas shopping.

One of those who make an occasion of the visit, put on their smartest clothes and, in their shopping, keep to a tight, methodical schedule that would put most of their menfolk to shame.

That is how Laura looked as, in swift small steps, she marched into the dock at Bow Street.

The learned clerk read out the charge. It suggested that Laura, late the night before, had endangered the peace of the town by thrusting her attentions on reluctant strangers.

FURY

"ARE you guilty or not guilty?" the clerk asked her.

"Not guilty," Laura answered. And her tone was the tone of a woman made almost speechless with fury, yet who meant at all costs to preserve her dignity.

A police officer began to tell the magistrate of the 10-minute watch he kept on Laura the previous evening.

"I saw her stop a man in a dark suit and speak to him," he said.

"What did she say?"

"I was on the other side of the road. I couldn't hear," the policeman answered.

ANNOYED?

HE drew a deep breath and resumed his narrative. "This man," he said, "looked annoyed, and hurried away."

"Why was he annoyed?" the magistrate asked.

"Er . . . what this woman said to him, sir," said the policeman.

"But you say you couldn't hear her words. All right, go on."

"She stopped another man, and he turned away, annoyed."

"Tell me," said the magistrate, "were you in uniform?"

"Yes, sir."

"And how far away from the woman were you?"

"About 10 yards, sir. On the other side of the road."

THE THIRD MAN

"AND she deliberately annoyed men 10 yards from you, when you were in uniform?" asked the magistrate, in a cold voice. "I see, go on."

"A third man came past, wearing a dark overcoat and spectacles . . . "

"And what symptoms of annoyance did he display?"

"He turned away immediately."

"You haven't convinced me of anything yet," said the magistrate, "but go on."

Like a boy called on to translate a difficult passage, the officer gripped his notebook and continued.

HOW DID YOU KNOW?

"I SAW this woman say something to this third man, and he hurried on. There was a look of annoyance on his face."

"Had you ever seen the man before?"

"No, sir."

"Then how did you know what he looked like when he was annoyed?"

The policeman said nothing.

"Case dismissed," said the magistrate.

"Thank you, sir," said Laura, graciously. And she hurried away towards the West End where the pavements, with the gay clothes the Christmas shoppers wore, were as bright as summer gardens.

PASSING OF DR E. LAW

Dr. Edward Law, 66, passed away at Queen Mary Hospital early this morning after a long illness.

A well-known and respected member of the Colony, Dr. Law was born in Hongkong on December 12, 1888. He was educated at the Diocesan Boys' School and proceeded to Durham University, where he graduated in Medicine. He returned to Hongkong in 1914 and practised here until his retirement in 1951.